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Reagan picks ex-senator to head inquiry

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President Reagan yestenday appointed Mr John Tower, a former Texas senator, to head the presidential inquiry into the National Security Council's role in the Iran-Contra arms fiasco, as America reacted with shock and outrage to what is seen as the most serious scandal of the

President Reagan himself left yesterday for his California ranch for the Thanks-

But Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, who is conducting a separate judicial inquiry into the still-unan-swered questions about the affair, assured him that no top Administration officials were involved. He admitted however that it was likely that other people knew of the diverted funds as well as Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, the maverick NSC

military assistant.
"We pretty clearly established at this point that President Reagan, Vice-President George Bush and all Cabinet secretaries and top White House aides were not involved," he said in a television interview.

Congress however has sharply challenged this assertion. Congressional leaders of both parties, in a series of

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Administration, said it is "beyond credibility" that Colonel North acted alone without authorization from above. And in a move strongly

reminiscent of an aspect of the Watergate affair, congressional leaders are calling for the appointment of a special prosecutor, independent of Mr Meese's inquiry. Already they have begun hearings into the Iran arms deal, and these are likely to be broadened to include policy in Central

Skids under NSC March to muddle Gulf War stepped up The Contra cause Leading article

America, the Middle East and the whole decision-making process in the Reagan Administration.

The Administration itself remained in complete disarray following the shock of Mr Meese's disclosures on Tues-day. However Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who had criticized the arms sales to Iran and conspicuously distanced himself from the President in the past two weeks, made a strong statement of support on Tuesday

"I fully subscribe to President Reagan's objectives of ending the bran-fraq Gulf War, establishing a more constructive relationship with Iran, if possible, and ending the scourge of terrorism."

Arms cash sent to Geneva

From Martha Honey

Millions of dollars derived bank account of a firm run by a group of former US intelli-

The money was then transferred to an account in the Cayman Islands but it is not clear if it has already been used to purchase military equipment and supplies for the Contras. Contra leaders interviewed here and in Miami have denied receiving the

money. According to a Washingtonbased intelligence analyst, between January and September this year top National Security Council officials in Washington supplied a Swiss-based company with \$12 million (£8.4 million) in CIA funds to purchase, at their original value, military equipment for

sale to Iran. The military hardware, including spare parts for F-14 fighters and several thousand missiles, was delivered to Iran on three separate flights and sold for its replacement value

of \$30 million. The \$18 million profit was then deposited in the account of Credit Feduciaire Services, a Geneva investment banking operation run by several for-mer CIA officials. From there it was transferred to CFS Investments Limited the Geneva-based company's account in the Caymen Islands. It was intended to be used to purchase military supplies for

By Alan Hamilton

from Epsom station.

Despite rumours to contrary yesterday, he said he intended to be "very much a part of the President's efforts" to bring them to fruition. Mr Shultz was also clearly

pleased by President Reagan's decision to hand back im-mediately control of US policy towards Iran to the State Department. His pledge of loyalty followed a strong statement by Mr Meese, which appeared pointedly directed at him and called on every member of the Administration to stand "shoulder-to-shoulder" with the President and support his policies or leave the Cabinet.

Mr Reagan's appointment of Mr Tower, a conservative Republican and former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, will mean an immediate start to a thorough inquiry into the conduct of the National Security Council, which is at the heart of the present crisis.

Mr Tower will be assisted by Mr Edmund Muskie, who was Secretary of State during President Carter's last months in office, and General Brent Scowcroft, who served as President Ford's National Security Adviser. Mr Muskie was deeply involved in the final stages of Mr Carter's negotia-tions to free the US Embassy hostages in Tehran.

A permanent replacement Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, who resigned as National Security Adviser on

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Meese to report on fiasco

From Our Own

rom the clandestine sale of . President Reagan has or-US military equipment to Iran dered his Attorney General to and destined for the antitras was deposited in the Swiss possible. The devastating de-bank account of a firm run by tails of diverted funds have the Iran fiasco as soon as shocked America. But almost gence agents, according to every senior official and Washington-based investig- congressman now believes congressman now believes that there is more to come.

Not only are there strong indications that at least five US laws were broken, but the real question remaining is: Who first approved direct Israeli arms shipments to Iran, and later asked Israel to divert profits to secret bank accounts for the Contras?

On President Reagan's orders, Mr Edwin Meese began his inquiry that led to the extraordinary revelations last weekend. He himself inter-viewed top Cabinet officials, including Mr Genrge Shultz, the Secretary of State, and it was at his lengthy sessions with Colonel Oliver North, the maverick Marine at the National Security Council, Continued on page 7, col 3



DPP considers Rothschild breach of Security Act By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

secutions are considering allegations that Sir Arthur Franks, former head of MI6, and Lord Rothschild, a close

But last night, Mr Dale friend of the Prime Minster, breached the Official Secrets Act by leaking information about state security, it was disclosed last night.

The new twist in the increasingly bizarre spy saga followed a Commons row over the naming of Lord Rothschild in connection with previous security scandals. In an early day motion, Mr

Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney, South, and Shoreditch, called on the Prime Minister "to state whether the security services ever carried out an investigation into suspicions, which surfaced at the time and of which Lord Rothschild was aware, that he was a Soviet spy and the fifth man."

Furious Conservative MPs bombarded Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, with demands to stop Labour MPs using the Commons order paper, which is covered by parliamentary privilege, for making accusations and innuendos against people outside the Commons.

Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP for Teignhridge, asked:"Is there

The Attorney General and no vicions or slanderous cal-the Director of Public Pro-

Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, who has named a long list of former MIS and MI6 officers in early day motions and partiamentary questions for allegedly passing on information about the security service to authors, was unrepentant.

In every case we have scored with the answers we have received. We are per-

Sydney hearing

fectly justified in tabling these parliamentary questions and indeed we will carry on doing

Meanwhile, in a Commons written answer last night, Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, confirmed the new moves involving Sir Arthur Franks and Lord Rothschild. Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, had asked if consideration had been given to proceeding against the pair for breach of confidence in relation to informa-

tion on matters of state security given to authors. "I am considering with the

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TUC council refuses to act against electricians

The general council of the News TUC yesterday rejected by 24 votes to 21 demands from print union leaders for the electricians' union to be disciplined because its members work for News International at Wapping, east London.

The decision was taken after Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians, had said his union had abided by an earlier TUC directive in spite of death threats to union officers and their families and violence to his members and their property.

Mr Hammond pointed out

that throughout the dispute, thousands of members of the print unions, the journalists' union and the transport workers' union have worked International without the to produce and distribute all agreement of the print unions.

Epsom railroads its announcer out

publications. His union, the Electrical Electronic Telecommunica-tion and Piumbing Union,

was found guilty last February of five of seven charges. After yesterday's vote, 300 print workers and their supporters who were lobbying the meeting shouted insults against the general council. Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, de-scribed the decision as "wrong

and harsh". In February, the EETPU accepted "without reservation" five general council directives in which it undertook not to enter into agree-ments with News ments with

Thanksgiving for a President under pressure: Mr Reagan takes part in the annual turkey presentation at the White House before leaving for his California ranch. Drunken driving campaign 'too cheap'

By Rodney Cowton

The Department of Transport yesterday launched its Christmas war on drink-drivers. It includes the slogans: "If you drink and drive you're a menace to society and "An-other 1,100 will die if you can't say no'

The £600,000 campaign was immediately attacked by the pressure group Alcohol Concern as being "seriously underpowered."

"The campaign is being done on the cheap. What they're spending represents is about two hours' worth of government revenue from

drinks", they said. £980,000 but Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, said that overall they were spending the same amount as last year on campaigns against mixing drinking and driving. He said

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and the tax steel will anist, the core The Christmas message.

this year the money had been divided between a summer campaign and the Christmas campaign.

Last December the number of deaths was 26 per cent ower than in December 1984. Like last year the campaign will not include any television advertising.

Mr John Over, Chief Constable of Gwent and chairman of the traffic committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said there were 1,100 deaths annually involving drivers who had been drinking.

He believed that the present laws affecting drunken driving were adequate, but be indicated that he wished magistrates would impose heavier

Mr Bottomley said that 8,000 people a month were caught driving with above the permitted levels of alcohol in their systems, and this could raise the risk of accidents five times. He added that half had consumed twice the permitted amount, which made them 20 times more likely to be in-volved in an accident.

Night search of moor after clothes find

Shredded clothing was found last night at one of four sites on Saddleworth Moor, Greater Manchester, being excavated by the police in the search for graves.
Floodlights were ordered as

excavations of the area continued in darkness in case other remnants were washed away or huried by snow,

Berlin hunt for Syrian official

warrant for a Syrian intelli-gence official after the jailing on bomb charges in West Berbe silenced entirely. The voice lin yesterday of two Jordanians, including the hrother of the man sentenced in London to 45 years for his attempt to blow up an El Al jumbo jet.

1,500 workers to lose jobs at Scott Lithgow

Fifteen hundred workers at £12 million order to lengthen the Scott Lithgow ship and oil

jobs at the yard would have to go and blamed a slump in the oil industry and a lack of the workforce to a permanent hardcore of 700 employees.

The news, described as devastating by local community leaders in Gree-nock and Port Glasgow, was given by shop stewards at a mass meeting of the workers and followed speculation that 1,000 jobs might have to go at the yard.

"The news was far worse than we expected," a shop steward at the yard said. The Government last night ruled out any action to save

But Mr Malcolm Rifkind,

the Secretary of State for Scotland, said yesterday that there was "an acute shortage" of new work for all offshore and shipbuilding yards. "The only way to win new work is to stay as competitive

as possible," he said. Scott Lithgow's has had difficulty in transforming itself to meet the requirements Secretary of State for Scotof the oil fabrication industry and when the long-delayed oil rig Ocean Alliance is completed for Britoil in the new year the order book looked exremely bleak. The redundancy list would have been

longer had it not been for a

the bulk carrier Atlantic Conrig yard on the lower Clyde are veyor. Contracts on four sister to lose their jobs. it was ships involving similar work announced yesterday.

Trafalgar House, owners of the yard, said that 700 permanent and 800 temporary

snips involving similar work have been won hy Korean shipyards who are reported to be carrying out the work at one-third the price set by the

Scottish yard. Mr Duncan McNeill, secretary of the shop stewards orders for the decision to cut committee, said the company the workforce to a permanent was looking for volunteers for redundancy among the permanent workforce. The 800 temporary workers em-ployed on the Ocean Alliance are to be paid off before next March and would have lost their jobs anyway when the rig

was handed over to Britoil. For the local community the latest blow to the giant shipyard could push the number of unemployed in the two Clydeside towns to more than 7.000. Already Greenock has a male unemployment rate of 25 per cent. Scott Lithgow's Union leaders want the was the main employer in the Ministry of Defence to bring area and in the days when ship forward contracts to ease the huilding boomed on the crisis.

Trade union leaders are pressing the management to increase the permanent workforce at the yard but Trafalgar House is unlikely to turn from its aim of cutting numbers to a minimum and increasing them only when the

order book allowed. Mr Donald Dewar, shadow land, said the news was a terrible blow for the lower Clyde. Some 2.000 jobs had already been lost this year in Clyde shipyards. Dr Norman Godman, Labour MP for Greenock and Port Glasgow.

Scottish teachers call all-out strike

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The biggest Scottish half nine months later - lay

The Educational Institute of Scotland, which represents about half the country's teachers, offered an olive branch of sorts by saying that it might postpone subsequent disruption to enable a "breathing space" for talks.

The vote on a strike ballot. on a turn-out of 89 per cent, was 28,257 to 5,292, a split of 84 per cent to 16 per cent, against a 16.4 per cent pay and conditions package to be im-plemented over 15 months. Anger over the Government's decision to pay the recommendations of the independent Main committee in two

stages - half in January and

teachers' union yesterday behind the ballot result, called an all-out strike for Mr John Pollock, the December 4 in an attempt to institute's general secretary, force the Government back said in Edinburgh that the new no-strings vote showed that the package, out forward by Mr Malcoln

> Duke attacks schools Parliament

Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, was not a basis for negotiation.

A Cahinet meeting today is expected to impose a settlement by law in the longrunning pay dispute in England and Wales.

There were strong indications last night that the Government's patience has run out after the overwhelming vote by the Scottish teachers to reject Mr Rifkind's

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Page 23 Offer raised The Mirror Group publisher Mr Robert Maxwell has increased his takeover bid for the engineering group AE. His timber group, Hollis, has of-fered 280p a share, valuing AE at £280 million Page 23 TIMES SPORT Higgins waits complaint against Alex Higgins, the snooker player, who is accused of a head-butting incident, will be dealt

> after a seven-day "coolingoff" period

with by the sport's ruling body

Britain is on course for an export bonanza, witning back influence as a leader of world Pages 29-31

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Southern Region, but to no effect. Eventually, Mr William Bowler, one near neighbour of the station, brought his own Control of Pollution Act.

During the three-day hear-In an unprecedented court case a British Rail announcer has been found guilty of being too loud and clear, and has been banned by magistrates

Local residents were driven to despair by the strident, plummy tones intoning at all hours of the day and night This is Epsom, this is Epsom, this is Epsom. All change. This The local residents knew

perfectly well where they were, and as the voice escaped from the station confines to punc-ture the peaceful air of the surrounding town, they christened it Her Ladyship. Residents living nearby complained repeatedly to

ing at Epsom court, mag-istrates were played tapes of the station announcements, which were revealed as prerecorded messages supplied to BR by a specialist information recording company. The voice has since been identified as belonging to Miss Angela Peberdy, of Buckinghamshire, a professional speaker.
Miss Peberdy said yesterday
that she had never received

any complaints about her voice before, and indeed had been complimented on the clarity of her announcements. The court has given Southern Region three months to silence Her Ladyship, and BR has agreed to replace her with

a pre-recorded male voice,

which it believes will be less offensively penetrating.
In the meantime Her Ladyship is being silenced between the hours of 7 30 p m and 7 30 private prosecution under the a m, and loudspeakers on the mediate effect. open platforms are being



pliments, not complaints. Ladyship has also been si-

Miss Angela Peberdy: Commoved inside in the hope that the station canopy will contain the offending sound. Her

But Her Ladyship will not lenced on Sundays, with im-Mr Carl Littlejohn, manag-

ing director of Infomat, the company which supplied the recordings, said yesterday that the problem was not Her Ladyship's voice, but Epsom station's speakers, which were too good and too numerous. "British Rail is often ribbed for the lack of clarity and poor

true. That is the real problem," Mr Littlejohn said. Southern Region said yes-terday that it used a number of pre-recorded station announcements, sometimes by outsiders and sometimes by members of its own staff. It hoped to have Her Ladyship off the air well within the three months set by the court

quality of its announcements

hut in Epsom the opposite is

of Miss Peberdy is used at a number of stations throughout Southern Region; British Rail is understandably reluc-

West Germany has issued a

NEWS SUMMARY

Police quiz men over murders

Two men were last night being questioned by detectives in Surrey who are investigating the murders of a schoolgirl and two women in a series of attacks which have been dubbed the work of the "railway rapist".

One man was arrested on Sunday in London and appeared before magistrates yesterday when the police were given permission to hold him for a further 24 hours. The second man was held late on Tuesday night and taken to Guildford police station.

The murders have also been linked to some of a series of

The men being held are being questioned about the death of Alison Day, aged 19, in London last January; Martje Tamboezer, aged 15, in Surrey last April, and Mrs Anne Lock, aged 29, killed in May near her home in Heritardebire.

New attack on BBC

The BBC was facing a new charge of political bias yes-terday after selecting a journalist who has made a speciality of exposing defence and intelligence secrets to present a television series called The Secret Society.

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The series, to be shown next year, is to be presented by Mr Duncan Campbell, of the New Statesman magazine. This has prompted a campaign by Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhulme, Manchester, and the Freedom Association, which has alleged the series is to give a "blatantly left wing" view of intelligence matters. Ordered

to leave

Mr Ammanullah Khan,

of Westbourne Road, Lu-ton, leader of the Kashmir

Liberation Front, was serv-

ed with a deportation order

Mr Khan, aged 52, who was cleared of explosives

charges at St Albans

Crown Coart last September, was told then that he

was to be deported because the Home Secretary coas-

idered his presence was not conducive to public good.

£3 killer gets life

A teenager who mar-dered a woman aged 76 for the £3 she had in her purse was jailed for life yes-

Exeter Crown Court was told that Clifford Norton, aged 19, of Glenmore Road, Minehead, Somerset, burst into Mrs Winifred Borman's home and slit her throat last May. He initially denied murder but yesterday changed his plea.

Bishop of Oxford

The Rev Richard Douglas Harries (right), at present Dean of King's College, London, is to be

the next Bishop of Oxford.
Mr Harries, aged 50, is
a former warden of Wells,
Salisbury and Wells Theological College, and vicar of All Saints, Fulham, south-west London.

The Queen's approved his nomination yesterday. The former hishop, the Right Rev Patrick Camp-bell Rodger, resigned last



Illustrious limps back

The aircraft carrier HMS Hustrious, forced to abandon the first half of a Royal Navy world tour after a gearbox exploded, is returning to Portsmouth with more gearbox

Repairs costing £5 million were carried out when the carrier's starboard gearbox exploded earlier this year.

Now a two-inch piece of metal has sheared off in the opposite gearbox in the Gulf of Oman.

Terrorists' deals 'fund activities'

mate businesses, accounts and investments to fill their war chests, the head of Scotland Yard's detective force said vesterday (Our Crime Re-

But the use of legitimate financial institutions could prove to be one of the terrorists' weak points. Police and security services should attempt to attack terrorism through its financial roots, Mr John Dellow, assistant com-missioner of the Metropolitan police, said.

Speaking at the Royal United Services Institute, Mr Dellow pointed to the Yard's successful policy of attacking the assets of international criminals. If the strategy

International terrorists are using the profits from legiti- it could also be very effective it could also be very effective against terrorist organizations.

> He said: "It should not be beyond our wit to apply to terrorism the philosophy of striking at money supply and profit. We know that many of the world's terrorist organizations no longer rely on handouts either from individuals, groups or states but are now in the husiness of investment, property ownership and money dealing.

"This could be addressed in a similar fashion as is or-ganized crime. The concept is also attractive because of the manner in which some funds are acquired for investment such as rohbery, fraud and



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of ghastly quality in some schools By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor The Duke of F. liaburch said quality of the old grammar esterday that some education "It is all very well if you can in Britain was of a "ghastly

quality and gave a warning that certain comprehensive

schools were producing "second-class citizens". The Duke was speaking to an audience of 300 industrialists after giving this years's London Lecture to the British Institute of Manage-

in answers to questions he said that education in Britain was "patchy". He added: "There are exam-

also many examples of really ghastly quality in education". It was a question of atti-tudes. "There are sections of the teaching population which have attitudes that many people do not understand. It is a free country and there is no reason why they should not think this way. Personally I do not think they are doing a great service to the people they

ples of marvellous quality but

are educating. "In an effort to equalize education there has been development of comprehen-sive schools which from a philosophical point of view is perfectly reasonable but the difficulty about that, or the consequence, is that most of

do that, but it means the stream in the comprehensive school which is not academic or intellectual tends to become a second class citizen. If you take people from the second-ary modern schools where they were first class citizens and put them into a first class school then, if the criteria is intellectual quality, they are bound to be second class

He emphasized: "I am not preaching against comprehensive schools. The problem is perception by the leachers of the school as a whole on where they put their priorities either on intellectual and academic achievement or on practical and technical skills.

In his lecture the Duke had criticized those in education who decried competition. He said: "There are those in

education who, in the name of freedom and equality, are busily trying to do away with competitive sports or with competition of any kind. There may well be undesirable elements in competition if it gets out of hand but one wonders what life would be like without any challenge or the comprehensive schools are trying to ape the academic succeed.

Rumpus on urban aid conference

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Prince of Wales today as "narrow-minded and neglaunches Inner City Aid, an appeal to raise funds to support self-help community projects in deprived urban areas of Britain, amid controversy over sponsorship of the conference he will address. The two-day conference at the Astoria Theatre in London has attracted more than 800

delegates, but a number of tenants' organizations and Shelter, the national campaign for the homeless, have refused to attend. This is because the main sponsor is Regalian Properties, a company spec-ializing in renewing old buildings, many of them council owned, to provide homes for sale. The company has given £25,000 to help pay for the

yesterday described those attempting to organize a boycott

as "narrow-minded and neg-ative". They said that the privatization of public hous-ing estates, while vitally im-portant, was only one of many issues relating to the built environment.

They said the attempt was negative because effective resolution of the conflicts involved in privatization would come about only if all parties started talking. Mr David Goldstone, head

of Regalian, said he had offered to withdraw, but that was rejected. The Inner City Trust will

administer the funds - in-tended to reach tens of millions of pounds - raised hy its campaigning arm, Inner City Aid. The money will come from commerce, industry, inconference. from commerce, mou organization, is organizing a vate benefactors and the general public.

protest for tomorrow.
Community Architecture
Information' Services, organizers of the conference, raise money to regenerate

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Community building award is launched By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The Times and the Royal Institute of British Architects announced yesterday the launching of the second Annual Community Enterprise Scheme for community-based environmental projects.

Mr Rod Hackney, chairman of the scheme, said he hoped there would be even more entries than the 184 last year. The aim of the scheme is to

encourage community involvement in commissioning, designing, and managing all types of huildings. These in-clude housing, community centres, adventure playgrounds, workships for starter and small businesses, urban farms, environmental improvements, and facilities for the disabled.

Awards are given for the most imaginative, viable, and need-fulfilling community pr-njects in the United Kingdom. Entries are assessed on their

By Peter Evans

Home Affairs

Correspondent

The Government is ap-

proaching the general election

without announcing a pro-gramme of legislation on law and order, which is expected

in be one of the main issues of

Instead ministers will be

relying on the Government's

record, including increased spending, a general strategy within the present legislative

framework and the Criminal

Justice Bill now before

The Government's inten-

tions are plain from a working

paper, Criminal Justice, published this morning as a pre-emptive strike before the

second reading of the Bill also

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the campaign.

Parliament.

The 1986-87 scheme is again supported by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, which is contributing £10,000 in prize money. It also plans to publish a second edition of Community Enterprise Booklet, in conjunction

forms may be obtained from the CES Awards Co-ordinator. value to the community. Lynne Hutton, c/n Business in environmental quality, and the Community, 227A City future plans for maintenance and running.

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with The Times. To mark the International Year of Shelter for the Home-less in 1987, there will be a special category for projects which house the homeless. The Prince of Wales, patron

of the scheme, will present this year's awards next July. The assessors will include Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home, widow of Mr Charles Douglas-Home, former editor of The Times, in whose name a special speed. will be given for the most outstanding entry.

The closing date for entries is January 23, 1987. Conditions of entry and entry.

which Conservative MPs can

base counter-attacks on La-

bour in the run-up to the

general election, whenever it

and during the campaign

tion the document says that

although a burglary a minute

Using this detailed informa-

The "statistically average

person" aged 16 or over can

expect: a rohbery once every 450 years; an assault resulting

in injury once every century;

the family car to be stolen or

taken by joyriders once every

60 years; a burglary in the home once every 35 years.

But it adds that 30 per cent of males born in 1953 had

Average home is burgled once every 35 years Move to cut jail terms

less than three years, the National Association for the all year throughout England and Wales sounds alarming the chances of the "typical Care and Resettlement of Offenders said yesterday in household" being burgled in a year are one in 35. evidence to the Commons home affairs committee.

Under the proposal, floated by the Home Office in 1981

known offenders commit 70 per cent of detected crime. The Bill will provide a vehicle with which ministers can get their good intentions across to voters.

Although minor Bills in the Home Office field would not be ruled out after an election, today.

The document provides a mass of information with

Prison sentences should be cut by a new supervised re-lease scheme for those serving but he supervised outside with the threat of recall if they

> The association called for alternative ways of dealing with fine defaulters, who account for a quarter of all jailed offenders.

with crime and the safeguarding of individual's rights is about right.

But the process is not finished. The Government's pre-election strategy includes:

 Better support for victims Action to prevent crime. "Over the last 30 years the

more efficient and effective.

outcome. That is why we

accepted the directions with-

statistics of recorded crime have consistently made gloomy reading," the working paper says. Improved pol-ice/public relations, the in-crease in the use of the telephone and the extension of insurance can all put up the level of recorded crime and so make the crime figures look more serious. Paradoxically, more police officers may result in more reported crime.

The working paper says:
"Crime in England and Wales has been growing at a fairly constant rate since the 1950s and, as in other western Strengthening court and countries, is at a level which police powers while keeping causes very serious concern. countries, is at a level which Safeguards for individuals.

Still more resources for police, prisons and probation fice, 50 Queen Anne's Gare, Making criminal justice London SW1H 9AT).

Kinnock to continue purge on Militant

By Philip Webster Chief Political

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday ignalled that there would be no let-up in his efforts to purge the Labour Party of the Militant Tendency.

The party leader won a vote

at the national executive committee meeting for a new inquiry into the Liverpool members hope will lead to the removal of Mr Tony Byrne, its new hard-left leader, and pave the way for the disbandment of the Militant-dominated Knowsley North constituency He overwhelmingly de

feated a left-wing attempt, led by Mr Tony Benn, to block further party expulsions. Mr Kinnock moved swiftly against Mr Byrne, who became leader of the Labour group last week in a hard-left conp which deposed Mr John Hamilton, the veteran leader.

Mi Byrns, who, as chair-man of the council finance committee, masterminded Liverpool's budget fight with the Government, infuriated Mr Kinnock by appearing at a press conference soon afterwards at which Mr Derek Hatton declared that he was still deputy leader of the council. Mr Hatton has since tood down. Mr Kinnock moved for a

three-man inquiry into the Liverpool Labour group, "and the constitutional position of Councillor Byrne following the group meeting and his apparent immediate breach of the party rules and constitu-He won the vote by 19 to

ive after a passionate speech in which he attacked the treatment of Mr Hamilton who he said had endured "every taunt, pressure and

Mr Byrne faces disciplinary action if the inquiry, headed by Mr Ken Cure, finds that be acted unconstitutionally in immediately failing to with-draw support from Mr Hatton and other expelled members. Sikh was

(Top photograph: John Rogers). **'horrified** by plot'

News International dispute

TUC victory by electricians

walkeri, meaning "heavy claw" and honouring Mr Wil-

liam J Walker, an amateur

fossil collector who discovered

The claw is thought to have measured up to 15in long. It would have been used to convey food into a month containing almost 130 razor-

Dr Charig estimated that it

would have measured 30ft in

length, and have stood about 15st high on its hind legs, weighing up to two tons. It was probably a fairly

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress was told yesterday that the electricians union had acted within the letter and the spirit of directions imposed ment in the News International dispute.

By Gavin Bell

humerus bone from an erormous flesh-cating dinosaur,
being studied by Dr Alan
Charig (centre) with Dr Angela Milner and Mr Ron
Croucher yesterday at the
Natural History Museum,
London, where Dr Charig

described the partial skeleton

as the most important fossil

found this century.
The creature, affectionately

known as Claws, possessed at

least one large claw-bone, unlike any other known dino-saur, and was found in a

claypit in Surrey.

· It had done so in spite of death threats to union officers. and violence against members

and their property.

After hearing an uncompromising defence of his union's position from Mr Eric Hammond, the general sec-retary, the members of the TUC's ultimate ruling body decided by 24 votes to 21 not to invoke disciplinary proceedings against the Electrical Electronie Telecommunica-

tion and Plumbing Union. In a statement to the general council, Mr Hammond said he believed that when the council had found his union guilty of five out of seven charges last February, it had ignored the "whole background and culpability of the print unions for their own olight".

Mr Hammond was defending his union against attacks from the print unions Sogat' 82 and the National Graphical Association, who were de-manding disciplinary action against the electricians' union. EETPU members work at News International's new high technology plant at Wapping.

east London. He said that since the publication of the book The End of the Street which implies complicity between his union and the company, there had been refuelled a "bury the EETPU" campaign orchestrated by the Communist Morning Star newspaper.

Workers' Union members vacancies at Wapping have worked to produce and The reality of the situation

Wapping, no more than a couple of hundred EETPU

members are employed".

Detailing specific
"ferocious" attacks by Sogat
and the NGA against each other, Mr Hammond said the general council had to recall a Sogat conspiracy to push his union out of Fleet Street with secret meetings involving EETPU Communists and se-

nior Sogat officials. His members, he said, had been subject to raids and harassment throughout the provincial newspaper industry and there had been the obstruction of new technology by print unions, which had denied employment opportu-nities to EETPU members.

Referring to specific allegatinns that he had given a personal go-ahead to Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, to print four national newspapers, including at Wapping. Mr Hammond said: "Such an approval has never been given by me or any other officer of the EETPU".

He said that only through the intervention of the electricians' union, at the re-quest of the TUC, had News International conceded financial compensation to former employees, which could in some cases be in excess of £30,000.

In addition because of his union's intervention the com-

The reality was, Mr Hammond said, that throughout the dispute thousands of Sogat, NGA, National Union of Journalists members and Transport and General Workers' Union members.

rivers and swamps. The dino-saur, which lived 124 million

as North American grizzly bears do today, although in a

rather more spectacular man-

Claws will go on temperary

year. Dr Charig and his

colleagues hope to piece the

fragments together into a permanent, mounted display

three or four years' time.

distribute all News International publications. He added: "In contrast, at September, He had pointed out that his union had in Wapping only a minority of the production workforce.

He had told congress:
"Would a call by us secure
their stoppage of work? We
are, in any case, bound as the
print unions did, to have a hallot. Does anyone doubt the result of that ballot? "Whatever the result, our

funds would be liable, but seemingly, having gone through such a charade, we would be shriven pure like the TGWU and the NUJ. They both had many more members at Wapping but with ineffectual instructions to their members, with a ritual washing of hands, they es-

caped condemnation."

He also recalled another passage which he delivered to congress: "We refuse to accept responsibility for the plight of former News International employees. The immediate responsibility for that plight lies with the bad judgement of

the print unions."
Mr Hammond told the general council yesterday: The EETPU recognize that the TUC's rules, providing they are subject to, and used within, the laws of the land,

Parmatma Singh Marwaha, one of three Sikhs accessed of a conspiracy to assassinate Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the prime min-ister of India, was horrified when he heard of the plot.

Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

Lord Gifford, QC, representing Mr Marwaha, a company director, aged 44, from Kedleston R ter, told the court that he had been roped into the plot. He said that Mr Marwaha

was asked to go to a meeting, but when he realized assassination was being discussed, he did not believe what he was hearing.
"He decided to play along to

get away and stop it," Lord Gifford said. Mr Marwaha, together with

Jarnail Singh Ranuana, aged 46, of Canon Street, Leicester, and Sukhvinder Singh Gill, aged 30, of Worthington Street, Leicester, all deny conspiracy to commit murder and soliciting others to commit murder. The trial continues today.

£1.6m fund for helicopter safety scheme The Civil Aviation Auth-

onity confirmed yesterday that it is to spend £1.6 million on research into improving heli-eopter safety (Our Air Correspondent writes).

As disclosed by The Times last week, the fund will be made up of £600,000 from the CAA, £500,000 from the Government of the correspondent of the correspo ernment and £500,000 from

must be the instrument to settle differences within the trade union movement, however much we dislike the three years to fulfil the longterm need for an altogether higher standard of safety".

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Tell patients the risks they face in treatment, doctors are advised

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspon

warning of the risks of surgery,

but the drug would be with-drawn because it was too

operations that would simply

not be tolerated if they were made on behalf of individual

Encouraging sensible re-actions to the development of

among people who are at risk and sensitive care for those

affected are priorities, the

Publishing, Great Smith Street, London; 60p).

haemophiliac because they

feared catching Aids, an in-

quest at Westminster was told

examination on

Aids: Some Guidelines for Pastoral Care (Church House

booklet says.

yesterday.

Patients should be told Brunel University, the rep-more about the risks of sur-ort's author, save. gery and other medical treatments, rather than receiving the "benevolent deception" of doctors, a report published

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today says.
Patients should be allowed more "freedom to gamble" on treatments in a move towards shifting the responsibility of risk-taking in medicine more towards the patient and away from the doctor, the report by the Office of Home Econom-

"It is complacent to assume that a patient's desire to eamble on a treatment will be the same as the clinician's. Patients are often averse to taking risks, and are prepared to trade longevity for quality of life improvements," the

report said.
The question was how much risk information to give patients so as to educate rather than frighten them, Mr Bernie drugs," he said.

O'Brien, of the Health Econ- Drug companies should he omics Research Group at completely frank with in-

Church of England clergy-men who tend Aids patients

most not question the morality

of the victims' lifestyles and

should put aside their own views about homosexuality

and drug abuse, according to guidelines issued by the

All those who suffer from

should assist in

the disease deserve both com-

passion and help, and the

promoting their pastoral care, the guidelines, contained in a

"Such pastoral concern is onite different from making

moral judgements about mat-

ters such as homosexual acts,

through which Aids has been

usually, but not always,

The booklet, prepared by the church's social policy

committee, deals with pastoral

rather than moral aspects of Aids, the Bishop of Bir-

ningham, the Right Rev Hugh

Monteliore, says in a fore-

Advice for clergy

on help with Aids

ort's author, says.

Mr George Teeling Smith, director of the OHE, which is funded by the drugs industry, said yesterday that there was a "hunatic irrationality" in how risks to patients were assessed.

A patient sufficient form vestigating the claimed benefits of a product. It would be "totally irresponsible" to con-

coal any details of the possible risks of taking the drug.
But many patients who were suffering from arthritis and rheumatism had been deprived of the only drugs that A patient suffering from angina who underwent a coro-nary by-pass operation had a one in 30 chance of dying could alleviate their pain because of the assessments of the Government's Committee on within a month. Someone with an arthritic hip would be prescribed drugs which had a one in 10,000 risk of causing Safety of Medicines of the drugs' potentially fatal haz-ards. Fully informed of the risks, many people would Surgeons treating the angina have chosen to continue with patient did not have to give a

those drugs, he said. Some patients were naturally "risk-takers" while others were naturally "risk-avoi-

dangerous, he said.
"Some surgeons have made claims for the benefits of ders", the report said.

Doctors should take this into account when judging a patient's willingness to take a medical risk. Both the health professions and the general public needed to learn more about the actual risks faced every time a medical procedure was carried out.

Medical or surgical progress would be impossible unless patients were prepared to accept inevitable risks of treat-

What Are My Chances, Doctor? (OHE, 12 Whitehall, London SWIA 2DY; £1.50).

 Private locum agencies. anxious to cash in on the shortage of junior doctors, are going bankrupt, leaving debts of thousands of pounds (Jill Sherman writes).

Dr Ian McKim Thompson deputy secretary of the British Medical Association, said that the BMA had had complaints from members who had not been paid or whose payment • Pathologists at St Mary's had been held up by several months. "We found that a few Hospital, Paddington, refused to carry out a post-mortem companies had gone into liquidation or no longer existed and there was no way o

Private agencies providing Mr Christopher Ashe, aged 28, of Needham Road, Westbourne Park, west London, who collapsed and temporary medical cover for holidays, sickness and study leave, are mushrooming all over the country because of a was found dead by his wife on high demand for locum doctors. Many offer rates of up to October 22, had been tested regularly for the virus. Each three times the NHS and take time the tests proved negative, agency payments of at least 20 per cent. But faced with delays Dr Paul Knapman, the from health authorities forwcoroner, recorded an open arding the payments some companies are running into serious difficulties'.



Alison Pankhurst, aged 16, great-niece of Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffragette, posing yes terday beside her kinswoman's statue next to the Honses of Parliament in London. Miss Pankhurst, school captain at Ramsden Girls' School, Orpington, Kent, who hopes to become an Army officer, was one of the winners of the Leadership '86 competition, part of the Confederation of British Industry's Industry Year to find potential leaders of the nation from among the pupils of 7,000 schools. Girls outnumbered boys by two to one in the final list (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Concern at closure of services in rural areas

By John Young

The present debate about the future of farming and the countryside should be widened in include the mounting problems of unemployment inadequate housing school closures and lack of services that faced many rural communities, Lord Vinson, chairman of the Development Commission, said yesterday.

"Villages used to be places where people lived and warked and not just places to which commuters returned home to roost at night," he

Last year some 7,000 jobs were lost in agriculture, compared with only 1,000 the previous year. To this should be added thousands more jobs lost in the agricultural service industries.

"We believe there is an opportunity now for the Government to demonstrate its concern for rural areas, and to help them adjust by redirect-ing some of the savings from agricultural support into more general support for rural communities," he said.

"Developing alternative sources of farm income through diversification and new forms of land use may help to keep some farmers and their families in business. But the scope for creating new jobs in this way for the displaced farm workers, let alone meeting other employment needs, is limited.

Lord Vinson was speaking at the launching of the commission's annual report, which says many rural counties have unemployment rates well above the national av-

The report discloses that in England 483 village schools have closed since 1980. In Surrey 39 villages lost at least one shop between 1973 and Australian trip for winner

Mrs Eileen Card is the sole vinner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000. Mrs Card, aged 53, from Blackfield in Southampton,

pleased" to have won. When asked how she in tended spending the prize money, she said: "My hus-band and I will use it to visit our daughters in Australia

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Mrs Card: Pleased to win

Man acccused of PC murder

A man detained in North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary in Stoke-on-Trent was yesterday charged with the mnr-der of PC John Taylor. 1983, leaving 18 without any.

Against the grain, page 14 aged 26, of Birmingham. He is Terrence Butcher.

Mother shop visit

A newsagent accused of selling typewriter correction fluid to a boy who later died from inhaling it, denied stock-ing the fluid when confronted by the boy's mother, a court was told yesterday.

Lee Kendall, aged 14, col-lapsed and died on August 8 after sniffing the fluid with friends in a park in Bermondsey, south-east London.

Mrs Maria Kendall, his mother, told Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court that the next day she, her mother, and her daughter went to a newsagents' shop in Dunton Road, Southwark, and asked Mr Chandrakant Patel, the shopkceper, to return a radio which she believed her son had traded for fluid.

He denied having the radio but produced a tape recorder that the boy had left with him several days before.

Mrs Kendall, of Hazel Way, Bermondsey, said: "He denied that he sold the fluid and he denied that be even stocked

But her daughter pushed him aside and saw a box of the

Mr Patel, aged 35, and his cousin, Mr Sureshbhai Patel, aged 23, both of St Stephens Close, Southall, west London, deny supplying Lee Kendall with the fluid while knowing him to be under 18 and being aware that he intended to snift

Chandrakant denies two charges and his cousin one. The case continues.

for sale

the inquest was told.

Important Marxist lit-erature, including the first nine issues of the original Izvestia, reporting the start of the Russian revolution in 1917, will be auctioned at Sotheby's today.

Valuable first editions of books by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels will also come up for auction, after the successful sale of the first edition of The Communist Manifesto last May for £26,400.

The nine copies of Izvestia, dating from February 27 to March 4, 1917 (Russian calendar), "some slightly torn along the folds, the paper yellowed, a few edges slightly frayed," were printed by an anonymous committee of Petrograd journalists and are expected to fetch between £5,000 and £7,000.

It was the first newspaper to report the start of the Russian revolution in 1917, after the Tsarist newspapers went on strike. The February 27 issue features the report of the Petrograd garrison's supply of arms and ammunition to the workers, striking against the

The headline declares: "The newspapers aren't coming out. Events are happening too quickly. The people must know what is happening."

But it was also the first of three different newspapers, all called Izrestia meaning "news", to appear at that time.

Papers of | Therapist revolution 'interfered in affairs'

Dr Joseph Jaffe, the hypnotherapist accused of serious professional misconduct, interfered with the business affairs of a patient whom he brainwashed into secrecy, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Eventually the patient, Mr George Waterson, aged 49, a wealthy businessman, was encouraged to go to the fraud squad by another psychiatrist, although police inquiries into the case remain unknown. This was alleged at a Gen-

eral Medical Council hearing in London where Dr Jaffe, aged 60, a former mayor of Salford, Manchester, denies five charges of scrious pro-fessional misconduct. The accusations were made by Dr Ian Clark, a former

consultant psychiatrist at Cheadle Royal Hospital, who treated Mr Waterson after he had spent five years in the care of Dr Jaffe. In that time, Dr Jaffe had

allegedly administered an addictive drug concoction which he called "Jaffe juice" as part of bypnotherapy treat-ment, for which he charged up to £60,000. Dr Clark said Mr Waterson

married with four children from Altrincham, Cheshire, showed him business documents including bank

Dr Clark said: "The conclusion I came to was that there were clearly irregularities which needed to be further looked into by the appropriate authorities. The case continues.

Bailiffs 'too heavy-handed' By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Councils and housing associations who send in bailiffs when tenants are behind with their rent are criticized as "unnecessarily cruel" and "heavy-handed" by the Na-tional Consumer Council to-

In its evidence to the Law Commission the council calls for "this permicious practice" to he stamped out and supports the commission's pro-posal that the right of public landlords to tackle rent arrears in such a way should be abolished.

Mr Michael Montague, council chairman, says: "The practice of sending bailiffs in like this is called, most appropriately, distress for rem. Not only is it unnecessarily harsh.

it is actually counter prod-

The Association of District

Councils advised its members alleged to have to take such action as a last resort, but a few "heavy-handed" councils seemed to send in bailiffs without warn-

ing tenants first, he said. Those who got behind with the rent were likely to be those low-income families who could not pay, because of a sudden drop in income, rather than those who would not.

Their plight was made worse by bailiffs coming in and seizing household essen-tials such as furniture and selling them for far less than their value. In one case this had happened to settle a debt of only £20.

"Bailiffs can, and do, seize and sell almost anything, including articles belonging to other people, such as rented ... TV seis," he added. "In some cases they are

premises when only children were in the house and seized goods," be said. In other cases it was alleged they "turned out drawers or capboards and smashed fittings".

Although there are legal limits on what bailiffs are allowed to take, and the tenant can pursue a bailiff for illegal action in the courts, he must first settle his debt in order to recover the goods.

The council calls for rent arrears to be tackled in other ways, and says that councils should first review their rent collection procedures and en-sure they have not made the problem of arrears worse by dropping weekly collections. Distress for Rent (National Consurger. Council. 20 Grosvenor ns, London SW1 0DH;



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PARLIAMENT

Government is accused of fiddling trade figures

INVISIBLE TRADE

Allegations of fiddling figures for jovisible trade were tossed around the Commons chamber notice question.

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It began with Mr John Smith,
chief Opposition spokesman on
trade and industry, highlighting
scepticism to the City about the
recalculation of invisibles in the recalculation of invisions in the trade figures to show a higher surplus and warning the Gov-ernment to be careful, in view of its record in "manipulating" unemployment statistics, not in let its previous coovictions run before it.

before it.
It continued with Mr Michael Howard, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. challenging Mr Smith to say in the clearest possible terms if he was in any way alleging that the figures had been doctored by statisticians at the Central Statistical Office.

It ended with Mr lan Gow

(Eastbourne, C) refusing in withdraw his remark, despite an appeal by The Speaker (Mr. Bernard Weatherill) in the name of Christmas, that it was Mr Smith who would apparently fiddle the figures — a intally unjustified allegation, according

Responding to Mr Smith's request for a statement, Mr Howard said: Statistics of invisible trade are compiled by the Central Statistical Office mainly from quarterly and annual surveys of businesses and individuals engaged io invisible-trade

This information becomes available much less frequently than the corresponding information for visible trade, Estimates of the invisible balance for the third quarter of 1986 and the month of October were calculated by the statisticians of the CSO on the basis of the latest information available to them." ment was concerned about a report in today's Financial
Times which said that the large revisions in the invisibles came as a surprise and were greeted with widespread scepulcism in the City. Such scepticism, he said, was disturbing about figures on which the markets depended and the integrity of which ought to be beyond

In order to restore confidence in the figures, and bearing in mind the heavy reliance placed on invisibles in the autumn statement, next time a more detailed justification for the calculation of invisibles should

did not recur. Mr Howard said that, unlike others, he regarded some news-paper reports with scepticism. These changes had been made because it became clear to the CSO statisticians that there were changes of a magnitude which ought to be drawn to the attention of the public.

The House was accustomed to the Opposition finding failure where there was nooe and Mr Smith should now stop sniping at the success represented by these figures for invisibles. Sir William Clark (Croydoo South, C) said that every time there was good economic oews the Opposition made wild allegations. The increase io invisible earnings was because

of the increased investment ince 1979. Mr Howard agreed, adding that the Opposition could not bear good news and wanted to misrepresent it whenever it ocurred. Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) said that there was scepticism in

Mr Howard said that he did not believe that there was wide-spread scepticism in the City. Indeed, it was due to no small part in the City's performance over the period to question that the invisibles had improved.

Mr. Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) said that it was quite it not fortunate, fortuitous, and extraordinary that wheo a trade deficit was announced the Opposition blamed the Gov-

It, was not the Government but the Opposition itself which was in need of some creative accounting io support of its economic policies.
Mr Howard agreed. The Op-

position was unwilling to rec-ognize good news when it was thrust before them. Dr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell South, Lab) said that there were suspicious circumstances that this change should apparently have occured just at the mo-meot when the balance of

meot when the balance of payments would otherwise have slipped into deficit.

Mr Howard said the Opposition were questioning figures produced by CSO statisticians.

Mr John Townead (Bridlingtoo, C) asked to what extent the Opposition's pessimism would affect the value of the pound.

Mr Howard thought that the Mr Howard thought that the markets were sufficiently used to the antics of the Opposition to be able in take their com-

ments in an appropriate spirit.
Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow,
Govan, Lab) asked why the publication of these figures had been brought forward. Mr Howard said that large changes became evident in the statisticians which they thought it would be right to bring to th attention of the public. He hoped that Mr Millan was oot suggesting that inaccurate figures should be put forward.

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lah) asked if the

statisticians had insisted that their revised figures should be incorporated in the trade Mr Howard said that be did not know if Mr Sheldoo was suggesting that the Government ought

ing that the Covernment ought to have told the statisticians to take their figures back. Mr Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C) asked the minister to confirm that there had been oo change in the relationship be-tween trade ministers and the professional statisticians since the latter provided figures for Mr Smith when he was Sec-retary of State for Trade. Mr Howard said that he could not say what the relationship had been between Mr Smith an

the statisticians, but he could say that these figures had been brought forward by the stat-isticians and were not subject to Mr Gow: Is it not clear that the minister and his department

have in no way interfered with the statistics which came from the CSO? Is it not also clear from these exchanges that it is
Mr Smith who apparently
would fiddle the figures? (Labour protests and shouts of the second division.

Withdraw!)
The Speaker: I hope there is no question of anybody fiddling anything, in the interests of Christmas and good order, would Mr Gow rephase that and developed. Mr Gow: I thought the implica-

non put hy Mr Smith in his PNQ to the minister was that the minister had dooe so (renewed Labour protests and Conservative shouts of They say so every week!). Mr Howard: I have invited Mr Smith to say io the clearest possible terms whether he is making any allegation against statisticians at the CSO. That is a matter he has consistently refused to answer. Mr Smith: On a point of order

Mr Gow made a suggestion that I would fiddle trade figures. I think in the circumstances be ought to withdraw such a totally

uojustified allegation.
The Speaker: We often hear that phrase about fiddling figures in all kinds of cootexts. I do not think Mr Gow was intending to impute any dishonour to Mr Smith. I gave him the opportunity in withdraw because I was anxious to move on in a good spirit today. Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff

priate draft order. a happy chance that every revision of figures published, whether in this field or employopposition liamed the coverage of the Government?





Mr Michael Howard (left): Challenge to Labour on statistics. Mr Robert Hughes: Poor being sacrificed to market freedom.

Too little spent on the arts

HOUSE OF LORDS

The arts was a booming growth industry and making an imindustry and making an important contribution to the national economy, yet public fuoding was ludicrously small. Lord Donoughue (Lab) said in the House of Lords when opening a debate on the need for better provision for the arts.

The respect and priority given to article endeavour was functioned. to artistic endeavour was fun-damental in the quality of life in society, he said. That might seem obvious, yet it needed stating in view of the low priority given to the arts by the Government

It was striking how isolated the Government was on the issue and how the Minister for the Arts (Mr Richard Luce) was so isolated as to be virtually invisible. The Government had apparently concluded there were

o votes in the arts. Yet, in addition to the many tens of thousands working or dependent oo the arts, more people in the United Kingdom went to the theatre, heard music and visited museums than

and visited museums than watched football. Maybe there were more votes in it than the chairman of the Conservative Party (Mr Norman Tebbit) realized.

Public funding was about 0.003 per cent of national expenditure as a gross figure and as a cet figure about 0.001 per cent or zero.

ent or zero, The alternative to increased funding was to cease to be in the international league, to cease to have performers of inter-national calibre and to slip into

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) a for-mer Minister for the Arts, said that pleas were heard year after ear for more public provision for the arts, yet under this regime the arts had progressed Lord Ritchie of Dundee (L) said that a voice to speak for the arts was needed in Cabinet, backed

up by a department of state. That would offer more clout. Lord Charteris of Amisfield (Ind) said that, as chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, he could say that the Government had been extremely generous and provident. The fund had been given sufficient monies to fulfil the tasks given it by Parliament. Only on rare occasion had they had to refuse assistance to projects for lack of funds

Changes to boundaries

A review by the Weish Bound-ary Commission resulted in a decision to redraw the boundconson to return the boundaries of six parliamentary constituencies to make them compatible with local government boundaries, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Horne Office, said in a debate late on Tuesday. He successfully moved approval of the appro-

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Criminal Justice Bill, second reading.
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Bill, second reading.

Benefit of bus freedom evident, says minister

retary of State for Transport, said when the Commons desaid when the Commons de-bated the effects of bus deregula-non. New services were being introduced and neglected cor-ners of the market were being

He moved an amendment to an Opposition motion calling for the repeal of the Transport Act, 1985, and its replacement with legislation designed to put the social and economic needs of the community and the travelling public in the forefront of public transport policy.
The amendment congratu-

lated the Government on its radical measures to arrest the long-running decline of the bus industry by abolishing outdated cootrols and creating the coninnovation and enterprise could flourish and provide better services, while enabling local authorities to obtain value for money in subsidizing socially necessary services, thereby putring the social and economic needs of the community and needs of the community and travelling public in the forefront of public transport policy.

The 1985 Act bringing in deregulation was an abject failure, Mr Robert Haghes, Opposition spokesman on Transport, said when moving the Opposition matter.

Those who depended on public transport for mobility – the elderly, women and children in large housing estates, and coun-

try people - were all being sac-rificed in the pursuit of profit, he

the situation getting worse as the mooths went by instead of there being any improvement. The Office of Fair Trading had already had 50 complaints of unfair competition and a test case on that was being prepared. The frequency of buses in the early morning and evenings had been drastically cut. On Sat-urdays and Sundays, services had almost disappeared in many

Public reaction had showed the true level of dissatisfaction. Io Lancashire, there had been 12,000 phone calls of complaint and requests for information and 1,000 in Tyne and Weir. The Bus Watch monitoring group had been inundated with ietters of complaint.

Bus fares had gone up, both with direct fare increases and because many people had to take two or three buses to make the same journey instead of one. Labour would make sure services that were provided at reasonable fares. There would be the widest possible local consultation. Local decision-making would be restored. Legislation would be based on service for the customer pro-vided by directly elected local transport authorities.
Mr Moore said that the Governdated controls that were crip-pling the industry and had sought to create the maximum possible potential for innovapossible provision of socially worthwhile hut commercially unprofitable

A clear-sighted look at the bus industry immediately identified two kinds of service: those that were commercially viable on their own and those that were socially occessary but could not be operated without a subsidy. The Government said that the free market must identify which

Under the new Act any li-censed operator could run a bus route so long as safety standards were met. Competition was ever present and was having a remarkable effect on the efficiency of bus operators.

There was no compromise or safety under de-regulation. It remained the priority it always

Mr George Howarth (Knowsley North, Lab), in a maiden speech, said that 67 per cent of all households in his constituency did not have access to the use of a car. Deregulation had had many effects on his constit-uents, all of them for the worse. In some cases it made it difficul for them to seek employment. The lack of buses was beginning to have a deleterious effect on the local economy.

Vote against pay settlement 'a vote for disruption'

pay dispute in Scotland would be a vote for a renewal of disruption in schools, Mr Mal-colm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said during Scot-

He was commenting on information supplied by Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, who said that the Scottish teachers' union, the Education Institute of Scotland, had voted against the proposals by 84 per

cent to 16 per cent.

Mr Dewar said that the vote, in which 89 per cent of the membership took part, underlined the tragic blunder that the Secretary of State had made in refusing to honour the central financial recommendations in

May.
He must take responsibility for the situation, which could easily lead to a return of confrontation and disruption.

It was essential that ministers should allow negotiations be-

should allow negotiations be-tween employers and teachers. That was preferable to any imposed solution. The worst possible thing would be if ministers maintained their present diehard stance and pu-nils were asked to pay the price for that obstinacy. Mr Rifkind said that he had yet to receive any official notifica-tion of the numbers or figures. non of the numbers or figures.

Scottish teachers had been

offered one of the most generous settlements offered in the public sector in recent years.

"If it is the case that they have

"If it is the case that they have rejected the government proposals and if it is the case that the EIS leadership appears also at their recent general meeting to have rejected the Main report, it would appear that the only thing that has been voted for in recently of discussions." for is renewal of disruption in the schools.

"The Scottish parents and the Scottish public would find any resumption inexplicable and unacceptable, particularly if it arises out of the government offer which is the most generous in the public sector in recent

years."
Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said that if Mr Rifkind did not exercise some flexibility and humility in trying to get peace, stability and progress in Scotland's schools, the fault for the ensuing strike would be his and not that of If the Education Institute of Scotland ballot had been against

government proposals to settle the teachers' pay dispute, Mr Rifkind should cease to adopt a holier-than-thou attitude in blaming everyone except him-self for the situation.

Mr John Mackey, Under-Sechistory.

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retary of State for Scotland, disagreed. He said that he and Mr Rifkind would study the details of the ballot. Although door was still left open for

That is what we are urging and that is what all parents will be wanting." Earlier, Mr Michael Hirst

(Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C) asked Mr MacKay if he agreed that the decision of the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Associresorting to strike action was infinitely preferable to the pos-ition of the other union, which had threatened disruption in Scottish schools.

Mr Mackay agreed.
Mr Dewar said that there seemed to have been an proposals so it was desirable to find a way forward. Certainly that was the Opposition's view. the minister to argue for nego-tiations and, at the same time, impose such restrictive conditions on negotiations that would amount to saying that the negotiations must produce the same result as the offer which

had been rejected. Mr MacKay said that Mr Mr Mackay said that Mr Rifkind had already stated the basis- on which things could move alread. The overall cost laid down and the timing of the two phases of the pay increase were not negotiable, but that still left a good deal of room for manual transcript.

Sir Russell Johnston (Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, L) said that that was not good enough. Mr MacKay must admit that the Government had been wrong to break up the Main proposals. The only hope of keeping some peace was to recognize that because the ballot result was a devastating rejection of the minister's proposals. Mr Mackey said that EIS

Rifkind had laid down on October 30 the basis on which So the EIS had gone a long way to throw out the proposals of this independent committee when Mr Rifkind had made point of the proposals. Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) later unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on what he called the greatest crisis

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Coal Industry Bill

Measure would give equal rights to the UDM

The following is a summary of yesterday's debate in the Commons on the second reading of the Coal Industry Bill.

The Coal Industry Bill, which will help to give the Union of Democratic Mineworkers para-

liel representation with the Na-tional Union of Mineworkers on coal industry pensions organiza-tions and charities was given its second reading after the defeat of an Opposition amendment rejecting the Bill by 268 votes to 177 — Government majority, 91. The Bill was read a second time by 263 votes to 173 - Government majority, 90.

The debate was the occasion

for a farewell speech by Mr Don Concannon (Mansfield, Lab), who said that there was political apartheid in Nottinghamshire, where the UDM represented most of the miners. He arged the most of the miners, lie arged the
Labour Party to stop the rejection of loyal party members after
20 years' service because they
were connected with the UDM.
Mr Concamon is not standing
at the next election.

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Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of
State for Energy, moving the
second reading of the Bill, said
that it changed the name of the
National Coal Board to the
British Coal Corporation and
would encourage the industry to
be successful in improving its
viability and its performance in
production and marketing.

It was envisaged that over the It was envisaged that over the next three or four years more than £2 billion of new capital

The NUM had refused a recognized trade union any rights over the institutions, including the pension funds and welfare services, that its members had contributed to. Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, moved an amendment opposing

the Bill.
"Miners believe that this is a pit closure Bill. It is not a Bill for recovery."
Since 1979 there had been a

loss of 100,000 miners. "The Bill before us continues that process. It sets the preconditions for further pit closures and further redundancies." Inherent within it was the privatization of the coal industry. Written into the small print was a disastrous expansion of nuclear power, an expansion this country neither wanted nor needed.

The Bill was not dealing with the central points which the Opposition believed faced the industry. It ran contrary to a seasible energy policy. sensible energy policy. Sir John Osborn (Sheffield. Hallam, C) said that the Bill would easure that members of the UDM would have equal rights with the NUM on chartries and similar institutions that mr Don Concannon (Mansfield, Lah) said that he was making his first contribution for 16 menths after a motor accident. It

part, be against his own Front Bench. "No one can dispute what

mion represents the vast majority of mineworkers in the Nottinghamshire area. They have been working for their own legitimate rights of fair representation on the bodies that affect their members." The Bill provided fair members." The Bill provided fair members that provided fair representation.

This has all been tried by negotiation but the NUM has consistently refused to recognize the reality of the situation. So the Government has had to act."

If the Bill helped to stop the intimidation that still went on intimidation that still went on between the two groups, then it was worth supporting.

"We have political apartheid in Nottinghamshire. Not only are UDM members not allowed to join the Labour Party but in certain sections even members of their families are not allowed to join.

"People are not being re-selected, not because they have not done a good job for 20 years. It is just because they belong to a certain organization.

"I wish someone would pass:
this along to Walworth Road
(Labour Party headquarters) because for two years some of us have tried to get this acted on but

The UDM was certainly not going to go away. Threatening Nottinghamshire miners would not bring the results desired. They are not to be threatened or bullied and the intimidation

looked as if it would be his last. that still takes place only makes It saddened him that it would, in them more determined to them more determined so succeed."

It was sad to find that the battle was being fought in the local Labour parties, not for the good of the Labour Party, but just for vengeance on people who took certain actions a few years age. I have never conself to be anything else but a Nottinghamshire miner and I have done my best to look after

their interests along with my constituents for nearly 21 years. "Clause five, six and seven of this Bill are necessary if we are to start to bring some kind of sense and harmony to my area as well as a sense of fairness. I only wish we could turn the clock

hack.
"It is time somebody started the process of healing these wounds. If this is one way, then I am all for it. It saddens me that for the first time in 21 years I have had to speak against my party's actions on this Bill."
Mr Malcolm Brace (Gordon, L) said that "Scarrollion" had to said that "Scargillism" had to be resisted. The country was the better because that kind of evil had been defeated. Mr James Lester (Broxinwe, C) said that he paid tribute to Mr

Concannon and recognized the brave speech he had just made. The House recognized his sincerity and the value of his contributions to the national effort.
Mr Spencer Batiste (Elmet, C)
said that it was sad but not
surprising that Mr Kinnock,

the guts to support basic human rights in the trade union Labour wanted to deay UDM

who lacked the gats to stand up

to Arthur Scargill until others had defeated bins, now lacked

numbers all protection.

Mr Michael McGuire (Makedid, Lab) said that he was at odds with many of his colleagues in his belief that there should have been a ballot before the last miners' strike. Until then the betrock of the NUM had been bedrock of the NUM had been its steadist allegiance to that elementary test of democracy.

It was now time for the NUM to hold out the hand of friend-slap to the UDM. The way the UDM would almost wither on the vine was for the NUM to say there would never again be a strike without its being put to the test of a ballot. It was not in

the interests of either union to allow the conflict to fester and

Mir David Ashley (North West Leicestershire, C) said that Mir Kinnock let Arthur Scargill sleep on his lap. Only Mir Concannon had the courage to refuse to allow Mir Scargill to piddle on him.

Mir David Hunt, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said he had obtained a copy of a document detailing a Labour Party meeting which said the sensitivity of the electoral position in North Nottinghamshire was appreciated and the importance of not allienating local members in the UDM recognized.

Free vote in Lords on homosexual bias Bill

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Labour peers will have a councils is getting appalling. private peer's Bill aimed at curbing pro-homosexual bias in some Labour-controlled

It was disclosed yesterday that there will be no Labour whip on the Bill's second reading on December 18, which means that it stands a good chance of completing its passage through the House of Lords and going to the Com-mons. Many Labour peers sympathize with its aims, but are likely to abstain because of an unwillingness to vote for a

measure aimed so precisely at left-wing local authorities. Lord Halsbury, an independent peer and president of the National Council for Chrisnian Standards in Schools, argued that his Bill will prevent local councils financing schools that actively promote homosexuality. It will also give parents the right to sue such councils. He saw homosexuality as a "disability", he

free vote next month on a So-called heterosexuals are being victimized and some of them threatened with violence. "The best way to tackle this

is not through the Education Act, which is already a shambles because of the disagreement over sex education between Government ministers and their backbenchers. We say if you want to preach homosexuality - and that heterosexuality is a maledominated perversion - you cannot do it on the rates." He added: "I am antihomosexual. Some of them are responsible people and

some of them are not. "These are the ones who indulge in exhibitionism, promiscuity, proselytizing and boasting of homosexual achi-

The Department of Education and Science said it wanted to test the effectiveness of the new powers in the Educatioo Act, which come into effect on January 7, The state of affairs among before backing stricter con-

Alliance housing policy Spending boost of £2.8bn is planned

fully unaware of a stratum of

society in which millions lived

in homes in a "serious state of

Mr John Cartwright, the

the lifts are constantly out of

order, where walls drip with

damp and condensation and

"It's no way to expect people to live in 1986 and yet hundreds of thousands of

people are being forced to live

that way because they are told

vision programme Cathy Come Home as it pledged itself to a £2.8 billion spending boost to overcome the disrepair" or on souless country's housing problems.

The extra cash targeted on building new homes, repairs SDP housing spokesman, and insulation was linked to spoke of blocks of flats where the launch of a national campaign aimed at making the Government's record on housing an issue in next year's where graffiti and vandalism local elections and the widely are the norm. expected general election.

Party activists have been equipped with a detailed pack designed to highlight the claimed shortcomings of seven years of Tory rule and the money is not available to homes fit for the nation's children.

Alliance recipe for generating repair their homes and bring them up to standard." Mr Simon Hughes, the Yesterday, its leaders casti- Liberal housing spokesman. gated the Government for attacked Labour for its outpolicies that had seen the dated commitment to new number of homeless families municipal housing, saying the nearly double over the seven Alliance would instead conyears to 1985 from 53,000 to centrate its energies on the sales now locked in their bank 94,000. renovation of properties and

The Alliance yesterday Britain in which those who between public and private new deal between the public sought to evoke the spirit of had prospered under Mrs finance through housing as and the private sectors to sociations and shared owner-revive the rented sector. ship schemes. The Alliance said that the

Government has cut capital spending on council housing by 60 per cent since 1979 so producing a 40 per cent drop in the number of completions. One and a quarter million householders were on local authority waiting lists and demand was continuing to outsrip supply.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, said that this winter hundreds of elderly people would die of hypothermia and cold-related illnesses because of poor housing, and children were also being put at risk.
"We owe it to our old people to improve the con-

dition of the housing stock." The Alliance is to campaign on a nine-point programme, which includes allowing coun-cils to spend the £6 billion of receipts from council house They pointed to a divided the creation of a partnership improvement grants and a areas.

1 John Carlotte

revive the rented sector.

less and cynical" by Mr John Patten, the Housing minister. Its instructions to activists were no more than an exercise in voicing "prefabricated in-dignation".

solutions. This is a campaign without a policy."

They would also give coun-

cil tenants more control over how their estates are run. The Government's "right to buy" legislation would stay as would tax relief on mortagage interest, though that would be restricted to the standard rate. The party's campaign was bitterly attacked as "shame-

He added: "Shamefully, it seems to suggest deceit. It is full of complaints but no

After the Chancellor's autumn statement, the Alliance is revising its spending plans. Yesterday, its leaders were unable to go into detail on how cash would be divided accounts, increased home among the various growth

Spanish fishing gap in law is to be closed

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

hole which is once more to boats that have not fished allowing Spanish vessels to in the previous 100 days. fish against valuable British

up decrepit British boats and transferring their fishing li-According to a written parliamentary answer from Mr John Gummer, the fisheries minister, there are now 73 Spanish-connected vessels re-

astered in the United Kingdom, 50 of them former Spanish vessels flying a British flag of convenience and 23 former British boats "beneficially owned by Spanish interests". The second category has increased by 17 in the

After pressure from angry MPs. Mr Gummer has just announced a moratorium on the transfer of fishing licences

The Government is to close 1 legislation will be altered to a newly discovered legal loop-invalidate licences belonging

Mr Anthony Steen, Conservative MP for the Devon seat Operators in Plymouth and of South Hams, has described elsewhere have been buying the present situation as a national scandal and called for licences to be limited to cences to much larger Span- British citizens fishing from ish-owned vessels which can British boats. Mr David Harthen operate from British ris, Tory MP for St Ives, said ports and in British waters. yesterday that the position yesterday that the position

was horrifying.
The number of Spanishcontrolled boats registered in Britain had "shot up re-cently", he said, and he called for tough new legislation to tackle "the scandal".

"The Transport minister should have discretion to refuse to re-register a foreign boat if he suspects it is being transferred to the British reg-ister simply to gain access to our waters and fish quotas."

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has repeatedly tightened legislation over the the transfer of fishing licences past five years, but each time from small boats to vessels of the Spanish have discovered 80 feet or more. From January and exploited loopholes.

Local authority finance: 1

Government launches its 'rates revolution' after 13-year struggle

The publication today of a system for Scotland, as a test bed for further legislation to follow for England and Wales in the oext Parliament, marks the beginning of the end of a 13-year quest by Mrs Margaret

It has been her desire since 1973 to "do something about the rates" which she regards as

monstrously unfair.
It was Mrs Thatcher's exasperation at the failure of her ministers in the last Parliament to come up with an alternative to rates that led her to bounce the Cabinet at their last meeting before the 1983 election into the politically expensive and time-consuming commitment to scrap the GLC and the six main metro-

That decision cost Mr Patrick Jenkin, the former Sec-retary of State for the Environment, his career and established Mr Ken Living-

The Government's case

The Government will today launch its plans for a rates revolution in Britain, starting with Scotland. Robin Oakley, Political Editor, reports that the Cabinet's ideas are provoking controversy, inside and outside the Tory Party.

whom they vote into office. Under some high-spending councils in inner-city areas as few as 20 per cent of those whom pay income tax, there are only 18 million ratepayers, of whom at least three million have their rates met in full by rebates and many more of whom are subsidized.

Rates, paid only by the head of the household, bear only a limited relationship to ability to pay, particularly for single people living alone as compared with houses full of wage earners. They are not related to the use of services and are capricious in their effects be-

tween different areas. The rating system, in-comprehensible to most ratepayers, is based on imputed against the present rating sys-rental values for property tem is clear enough. Too few which are now, in England people pay rates, too many are insulated by rebates and sub-sidies from the impact of the spending decisions of those is now negligible.

income of local authorities comes from industry and business, who have no votes. The with votes are paying rates.
In an electorate of some 35
million, about 21 million of about £5 billion from domesnon-domestic rate raises some

> It is not only the inequity of the rating system which dis-turbs ministers, it is the disruption of the Chancellor's calculations by local govern-ment spending which has led to a state of almost permanent warfare between Secretaries of State for the Environment and the town halls since the Government came to office in

almost every alternative considered has upset the Conservative Party or its supporters. Now that the Government has discovered the political will to begin replacing the present system it is set for a new period of turnoil within its own party. orrow: Government plans



Boy's dreams come true

exciting ambitions before undergoing heart surgery, thanks to The Times, says the final part of his wish is to be isited by a celebrity (Angella

Collins, is now recovering from a heart by-pass operation in Brompton Hospital, southin his heart, flew in Army and

Before the nine-and-a-halfhour operation he advertised Gregory, photographed with in the newspaper asking peo-

in the months before surgery last week Gregory, of Bruton, Somerset, who was born with only three chambers

A Bill of Rights would involve judges in making policy choices which they cannot be trusted to do. Lord McCluskey, a High Court judge, said last night.

In a strong statement against such a Bill the judge, a former Labour Solicitor-General said that it would "time" paper thin". eral, said that it would "turn udges into legislators", which was not their job.

The Reith Lectures

Judges' dilemma

in interpreting

a Bill of Rights

His remarks, made in his fourth Reith Lecture, broadcast on Radio 4, come only days after Sir Edward Gardner, Conservative MP for Fylde, has said he will bring in a private member's Bill which would effectively create a Bill

His Bill, which is high in the list of private member's measures, will be the latest attempt to incorporate the European Convention oo Human Rights into English law.

Lord McCluskey said that a Bill of Rights was "inevitably a charter of enduring, superrights, rights written in delphie words, but iodelible ink, on an opaque surface".

It "makes the mistake of dressing up policy choices as if they were legal choices" and asks judges, "whose job it is to know and apply the law, to create and reform the law.

States, cannot avoid choosing among competing social and political visions, and the walls between the political and judicial systems become

American judges had had to decide among other issues; i telephones could lawfully be tapped; if the mentally sub-normal could be compulsorily sterilized; if minimum-wag laws could be enacted and if blacks and whites could intermarry.

Lord Denoing, former Mas ter of the Rolls, had called for judges to be trusted. They could indeed be trusted "oot to fiddle the results"; to apply the law honestly to the case; to discover and enunciate new or revised rules of law and to make difficult choices.

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They could even be trusted to make interim policy choices about what the law should be, pending action by the legisla-ture, he said. "But there is no sound reason for trusting judges to make final policy

Final policy decisions had to be made by "society as a whole" and "not by lawyers, however distinguished upright they may be".

Man in the news

Rothschild was trusted by Wright

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

for Mr Peter Wright, the former senior MI5 officer, to collaborate on a book about suspected traitors in the sec-

The head of Britain's most famous banking family served with MIS only during the Second World War, but he kept in close touch with the

Mr Wright held him in know them both say that Lord Rothschild went out of his way knowing that he had to live on a very small pension.

Mr Wright served in M15 for more than 20 years, but for much of that time he was employed only on a part-time basis.

Mr Wright was taken ou as a scientific officer and was soon regarded by his superiors knew everything about gadgetry and many of the counterespionage techniques used during his career with "the firm" were his inventions.

Lord Rothschild was also a scientific expert. During the Second World War he ran an anti-sabotage unit designated B1(e), in M15. In 1944 be won the George Medal for defusing a bomb kidden in a consignment of Spanish onious.

One of his wartime roles was also to check all the cigars sent to Winston Churchill from abroad, in case they had med. People used to send him jars of honey and



Lord Rothschild's wartime work with MIS was secret and dangerous but, as he admitted himself, not nearly so secret as ricty service by Mr Chapman
Pincher will probably never be
unravelled.
The head of Britain's most

the role played by his one-time
Cambridge University friend,
the late Mr Anthony Blant,
who was later to confess that he had been a Soviet agent.

Lord Rothschild wrote in his book, Random Variables, published in 1984: "He (Blunt) misungence world and main-tained contact with Mr secret work, so secret that the Wright, who emigrated to an isolated Arab stud far-

Mr Wright, obsessed with his conviction that MI5 had been penetrated by the Russinus at the very highest level knew he could trust Lord

within the service who had been at Cambridge at the same time as Blunt and the other members of the notorious may have been the fourth man in the Cambridge spy circle.

It must have come as a Wright when Lord Rothschild invited him to come over to England to talk about the one subject which still co him - treachery inside MIS.

Mr Wright now claims that he believed the whole idea was sanctioned officially and that Lord Rothschild was acting as a government go-between. Lord Rothschild, who has

never kept a diary of his past part in the affair, but senior Whitehall sources continued vesterday to deny that official backing was given to the publication of the book, Their

Pincher in 1981. Nathaniel Mayer Victor third Baron Rothschild, is best remembered for the time when he ran Mr Edward Heath's Central Policy Review Staff, the Think Tank at the Cabinet

Today Lord Rothschild is keeping out of the limelight while his name is being bandied about in court. He has no doubt decided against becom-ing embroiled in the political rumpus between Sydney and London about Mr Wright's

Club ignored fire nings says QC

A large share of the blame for the Bradford football sta-dium disaster lay with club officials who ignored repeated warnings about the fire hazard, the High Court sitting in

By Ian Smith, Northern Corresp

Leeds was told yesterday. In his closing speech for the Health and Safety Executive, Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC, said strong attacks had been launched against both the Yorkshire County Council in its role as fire authority by counsel for the chib.

Although the club had accepted liability by admitting the Valley Parade stadium was a tinderbox, it still argued that the fire, which killed 56 spectators, could not have been

foreseen by the club. Mr Carlisle said that the safety executive and the county council acted only in a only brief visits to the ground whereas club directors mus

He added: "I say that the club must bear the very largest share of the blame. They were creators and continuers of the hazard

The hearing, now in its third week, is considering an action against the football club, the Health and Safety Executive and the now defunct county council, brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher, who lost her husband, son, brother-in-law and his father, in the fire.

Also trying to prove hability Police Sergeant David Britton. who was injured trying to

The case continues.

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UP AGAINST TIME by Jeanne Willis and Trevor Melvin



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Skids under the shaky NS

about his private life. Now Admiral Poindexter has re-

centre of the worst crisis of the

Reagan Administration and

his whole handling of the NSC

in question.

The presidential commission is likely to include many

distinguished statesmen and former NSC officials, with

such names as Dr Henry Kissinger, General Scowcroft, and Mr James Schlesinger, a

former Defence Secretary and

Central Intelligence Agency.

former Director of the

Even before the Contra

connection was revealed, Sen-

ator Sam Nunn, the influen-

tial Georgia Democrat, was

calling for just such a "com-mittee of wise men". But this

alone will not oow be enough

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to satisfy Congress.

President Reagan's comleadership role himself and resident Reagan's com-mission of inquiry into the National Security Council is likely to produce the most radical shake-up of this presidential advisory body since it was founded more went to the White House directly from a job as execu-tive director of the presidential commission that invest-igated the accident involving the space shuttle, Challenger.
The NSC has had a troubled history under Mr Reagan. than 30 years ago. It is virtually certain that short of disbandment - which looks Four of its directors have unlikely - the NSC's power resigned under a cloud: the first, Richard Allen, was acwill now be sharply curtailed.
It will have to be more cused of improperly accepting accountable, either to Conwatches and other gifts from the Japanese. The second, Judge William Clark, was an gress or to the President, will be strictly limited to co-ordinating plans and weighing options, and will be forbidden ontspoken anti-communist whose hardline views clashed with Mr Reagan's desire be-fore the 1984 election to try to to engage in any operations.

Meanwhile. President
Reagan is about to name a improve relations with the ssor to Vice-Admiral John Poindexter to head the NSC. He already named as The third, Robert McFar-lane, left in bitterness and frustration after lengthy and vehement clashes with Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and a baseless smear campaign of rumours

Hawk named to head inquiry

chairman of the inquiry Mr John Tower, a former Republican senator from Texas and chairman of the Senate armed services committee. He was named the US negotiator with the Russians in Geneva on strategic arms reductions, but resigned after a year. A strong conservative and hawk on defence issues, he is a firm supporter of the President. As charman of the inquiry, he is unlikely to become NSC

joh include Mr John Lehman, the Secretary of the Navy, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the combative former Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Max Kampelman, chief US arms negotiator at Geneva, General Brent Scowcroft, head of the NSC under President Ford, and Mr Paul Laxalt, the outgoing Republican senator from Nevada and a close

Lengthy congressional hearings are certain, and further irregularities are expected to friends of Mr Reagan. emerge. Some congressional In the meantime the NSC is leaders are already calling for a being run by Dr Alton Keel, Admiral Poindexter's deputy special prosecutor, along the lines of the Watergate inquiry. and o veteran government But Mr Edwin Meese, the official. Described as a bright Attorney-General, has flatly and hard-working staff man, he has seldom taken a visible President Reagan is likely to

Israel's role

Experts at swapping arms for hostages

Jerusalem

With the arrival of Ayatollah Khomeim in power in Iran, Israel began looking for ways to persuade the new regime to allow the Jewish population, then some 80,000 strong, to leave. With the start of the Gulf War and Iran's need for weapons, a way was

Israel had, anyway, always been prepared to support Iran as the other non-Arabic state in the area.

At that stage, deals were being struck by governmentauthorized dealers, who were often ex-military or Mossad secret service men.

Among them was Yacob Nimrodi, who had served as military attaché in Tehran in the early 1970s and who had

In these dealings it is probable that the Israelis involved came into contact with CIA men working in Iran under orders to make contacts with anyone who would eventually be helpful in improving rela-tions with Washington.

It was against this background that a meeting took place in the early summer of 1985 between Mr Robert McFarlane, then National Security Adviser, and Mr David Kimche, Director-Gen-David Kiniche, Director-Gen-eral of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. At that meeting, Mr Kiniche suggested that the United States might be able to win Iranian help in freeing its hostages in return for arms deliveries.

A series of meetings between the two took place and in September 1985 Mr Kimche was given the green light. The Israeli co-ordinator was to be Mr Al Schwimmer, nder of Israeli aircraft

By then the Saudi arms dealer, Mr Adnan Kashoggi, tipped off by the small fraternity of international arms dealers about what was happening, had come up with an Iranian shopping list.

A first delivery by a char-tered DC 8 to Tehran failed to produce any hostages and Mr Nimrodi is said to have re-turned the \$10 million he had been paid by Iran, saying he wanted men and not money. A second flight on September 14 was more successful and led to the immediate release of

 TEHRAN: The Prime Minister, Mr Mir-Hossein Monsavi, yesterday dismissed as lies reports that Iran had received arms through Israel (Reuter reports). The daily, Kayhan, said he was commenting on "the effort by news imperialism" to establish Israel to internation in the rael as the intermediary in the shipment of US weapons.

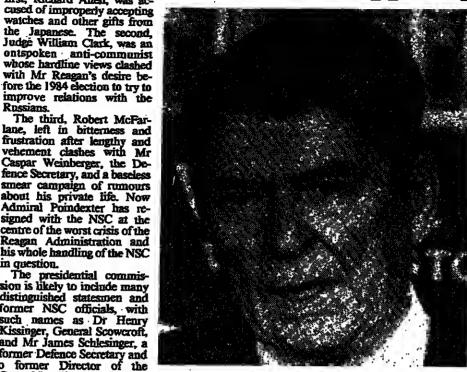
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Radical changes will follow

Storm hits Peres in Knesset

Grave setback for major policies

Gulf War stepped up, page 10



look now at his own Cabinet team in the light of the crisis. His priority must be to restore credibility to those government departments that have felt undermined by the capers of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North and the NSC, and

6 Shultz may not stay much longer 9

particularly the State Department and the Pentagon.

Mr Reagan is unlikely, however, to make any further Cabinet reshuffles or to sack top officials - unless new

Weapons / Money trail

evidence shows that other condoned the diversion of aid to the Contras without his knowledge. It is clear that at this stage any further attempt to sacrifice scapegoats would

ambitious man, has recently been eclipsed by Mr Shultz, and has lost influence in shaping arms control policy and negotiations with the

be counter-productive, and Mr Reagan is notoriously loath to dismiss colleagues. Two big question marks nevertheless hang over both Mr Shultz and Mr Weinber-

Though himself opposed to

r. The Defence Secretary, an Soviet Union.

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money in secret Swiss

from Col. Oliver North,

Central America.

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bank accounts. On orders

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passed on to the Contras in

aware of the Contra connec-tion, he may have the support of conservatives who are deeply unhappy with Mr Shultz's conspicuous lack of support for the President in the past three weeks. Many right-wingers would like Mr Weinberger to replace Mr

Mr Shultz himself appears, for the moment, to have emerged from this fiasco with his own position strengthened and his credibility enhanced.

Nevertheless few people ex-pect him to remain in office for long. The White House resentment is deep, and something of a vendetta against Mr Shultz has developed there. The Secretary is likely to leave within two months. Possible successors have already been mooted, and in-clude Mr Laxalt, Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary and Mr Howard Baker, the former Republican majority leader in the Senate.

The man whose position is one of the most precarious, however, is Vice-President George Bush. He has kept almost entirely silent on the whole Iran affair.

His display of loyalty obliged him to know nothing and say nothing. But be has already been implicated in the shadowy private groups supporting the Contras, and damaging links may oow be disclosed which will raise questions of his judgement and knowledge. If he is to remain o credible

candidate for the 1988 presidential elections he must, at some stage, distance himself from this greatest disaster of the Reagan Administration.

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3. Iran hands Israel

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tional Security Adviser.

December 6: Mr McFarlane

meets Israeli and Iranian

middlemen in Loodon to

discuss hostages and arms shipments. Throughout the winter there is increased pres-

sure oo President Reagan

from the families of hostages

January 7, 1986: White House policy review of Iranian role

io the hostage situation. The Secretary of State, Mr George

Shultz, and the Defence Sec-

retary, Mr Caspar Weinberger,

oppose arms shipmeous to

Iran to make contacts for

January 17: President Reagan

igns secret document, called

"Finding," which authorizes

February: First US arms ship-

ments arrive in Iran via Israel.

Two aircraft, each carrying 45

tons of unknown cargo, make deliveries from an Air Force

May 20: Mr McFarlane visits

Tehran secretly io aircraft full

of arms to put out "political-

July 26: The Rev Lawrence

Jenco is released. The White

House is again disappointed that more hostages are oot

August: Third US arms ship-

ment to Iran via Israel. The

White House indicates that

more hostage releases are

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to arrange their release.

From Mohsin Ali, Washington Key dates io the Iranian-Israeli-Nicaraguan Contra announces resignation of Mr connection: December 4: President Reagan announces resignation of Mr Robert McFarlane, his Na-

November 1983: Congress approves \$24 million (£17 million) in covert aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebeis. But it bans further aid later in the year after the CIA helps Contras mine Nicaraguan harbours in violation of international law. Congress lifts this ban in late 1986.

June 1985: TWA flight 847 hijacked to Beirut White House determines that Iran is crucial to release of American hostages in Lebanon.
July-August: Secret US-Iranan contacts begin through

Israel Aagust-September: First planeload of Israeli-arranged arms arrives in Iran.

September 18: The Rev Benjamin Weir, an American hos-tage, is released in Beirut. White House delays announcement several hours in the main hope that other American hostages will also be freed. November: First known shipment of arms to Iran from Israel. But these were later returned to Israel for reasons not disclosed.

The web of deceit

the resignation of one senior Reagan aide and the sacking

The National Security Council authorized the sale of ments went to Israel and Israelis then delivered them to Iran. Payment was made to Israel and between \$10 million (£7 million) and \$30 million was deposited in secret Swiss bank accounts. On orders from Colonel North, the money was subsequently passed on to Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

As a result Colonel North dexter resigned.

The web of deceit that led to of another is illustrated in this

> the Cootras. September: Mr Frank Reed September 9. Mr Joseph Cicippio abducted in west Beirut on September 12. October: Fourth reported US arms shipment to Iran via Israel. October 5: Private supply plane, carrying arms for Contras and crewed by Americans, shot down over Nicaragua. Surviving cargo hand-ler, Mr Eugene Hasenfus,

was dismissed and his boss. the National Security Adviser, Vice-Admiral John Poin-

> November 3: Pro-Syrian Leba-nese magazine, al- Shiraa. reports that Mr McFarlane travelled secretly to Iran.

November 4: Mr Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, confirms Mr McFarlane's visit Meanwhile, things were go-ing badly for the Administra-November 13: Mr Reagan defends Administration action in Nicaragua. The Contras lacked arms, supplies tions in televised speech.

October 21: Mr Edward Tracy

November 2: The hostage, Dr

David Jacobsen, is released.

abducted in Beirut.

November 16: Mr Shuitz questions arms deal during a television interview. November 19: At a press cooference Mr Reagan says the responsibility for the de-

cision and the operation is entirely his. November 25: President Reagan announces that Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, his National Security Adviser, has resigned and that Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, an NSC official, has been dismissed after Mr Edwin Meese, the

Attorney-General, reveals that between \$10 million and \$30 million of Iran's payments for US arms have been diverted to Nicaraguan Contra-controlled accounts in Switzerland. Mr Meese is ordered to continue with his ioquiry into the affair and the President sets up a commission to report on the working of the NSC.



Geoffrey Smith

More than most presi-dencies Mr Reagan's has been a matter of confidence. His principal achievements have been psychological. Before the present crisis broke, he had restored the confidence of the American people and the standing of the presidency. After the traumas of Vietnam and Watergate, these were historic accomplishments

But to emphasize their importance is to point to how much will be lost if his presidency is finally discredited. The psychological hlow to the American people will be enormous. It will strengthen the tendency for them to turn in

For Britain and for the other allies there will be the additional frastrations of dealing with an impotent Administra-tion. Other governments always prefer o strong President. They are then able to deal with someone in Washington with the power to determine what will happen.

As I travelled round the United States over the past few weeks, I was struck by the reluctance of many people to lose their confidence in Mr Reagan. Even among Democrats there was at first a widespread belief that he was personally invulnerable.

This attitude changed as the President began to offer such uncooviocing explanations. Now his Admioistration stands on the verge of disiotegration. American Administrations are customarily

Can resignations restore confidence?

more loosely disciplined than British governments. But what is now happening far exceeds the traditions of American bureaucratic warfare.

It is in all our interests that Mr Reagan's team 'should recover confidence in itself and win back the confidence of the country. Can the resignation of Vice-Admiral Poindexter and the dismissal of Lieutenant-Colonel North be sufficient for this purpose?

Simply as a response to the latest twist in the saga - the diversion of money to the Contras — they may be enough. If it is true that nobody else of consequence was involved, then no other significant departures can be expected. If, however, it turns ont that others at a higher level were implicated, theo the

Reagan has to do more than apportion blame for this last misadventure. He needs a new managerial team to send the signal that he is determined to make a fresh start. This means that the roles of Mr George Shuitz and Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, must be particularly in question.

But Mr Shultz's part in the

Above all, Mr Shultz ap pears to be so disaffected that it is bard to see bow he can work effectively again with Mr Reagan. The President cannot be changed, so it would be better if he were to have a new Secretary of State.

The case for a new Chief of Staff is simpler. Mr Regan supported the wrong policy on

Iran, and he lacks the political judgement and style required to restore the equilibrium of n shattered Administration. The best arrangement would be for Mr James Baker, the

such o steadying influence as Chief of Staff during Mr Reagan's first term, to become Secretary of State, and for Mr Drew Lewis to rejoin the Administration as Chief of Staff. When Transportation Secretary, Mr Lewis showed just the required combination of loyalty and independent

2. Israel delivers arms to Iran. Reagan's dilemma

Peres mum on details of his deal

From Our Own

"With pride", Mr Shimon Peres, the former Israeli Prime Minister, at last told the Knesset yesterday that Israel had delivered arms to Iran to help save the lives of American hostages.

Knesset members, who had heard the news from Washington more than 12 hours before, gave bim a rowdy reception. But they allowed him to stay silent on details of the deal he agreed, along with Mr Yitzhak Shamir, who took over as Prime Minister last month, and Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Defence Minister.

Mr Peres denied "emphatically and categorically" that Israel had received even "one devalued groat" from the deals. He was equally firm in denying that he knew money from the sales was being sent to the Contra rebels.

There was barely a hint of any need to worry over the Israel-US special relationship. But there remains official concern that Mr Shultz could be replaced by Mr Caspar Weinberger, who is believed much less friendly to Israel. "We will cootinue to fight

terror, but remain concerned about the welfare of every hostage," he said. "I was proud that they released three American hostages ... we never sought any advantage for ourselves. Israel was asked to help. It did so. It was asked to do so with the otmost secrecy. That we did . . . If we want to belp our allies save human lives, we will. If we are asked to keep it a secret, we will keep it a secret."

Only four of the 25 coalition MPs were there o sign that they did not want to be held responsible for something in which they had not been consulted. Mr Shamir was conspicuous by his absence.

Fatal lure of the Contra obsession TWA flight 847 to Beirst. In directly some weapons to

From Our Own Correspondent Washington

Atlantic Ocean

The Contra arms supply bombshell brings together two of the most intractable and contentious issues of the Reagan Administration: terrorism in the Middle East, and the attempt to put military pressure on the Sandinista Government in Nicaragna. The sensational revelations, however, have now inflicted o grave setback to US policy in

hoth areas.
Support for the Contra
rebels in Nicaragua has long
been, in the words of congressional leaders, an "obe of President Reagan. And he has appeared increasingly frastrated as funds remained blocked and the situation of the fighters in the field steadily worsened. At the same time, Mr Reagan's frastration in the Middle East has also grown.

He was elected on the wave of anger and humiliation that Americans left during the long captivity of the US hostages in Tehran. With the hostages released, however, he ignored Iran altogether for the first few years of his presidency, and concentrated instead on trying to build on President Carter's progress on the Arab-Israeli

The first setback here occurred when the Lebane situation spilled over into fullscale war with the Israeli invasion in 1982. America was strongly critical of Israel, but was unable to influence the course of events. Then, US efforts to promote o separate peace treaty between Israel and Lebanon along the lines of the Camp David accords with Egypt collapsed. The US involvement led to direct confrontation with Syria and to the tragic loss of lives with the pro-Iranian Shia attacks on the US Embassy and the Marine headquarters.

The US involvement, how-ever, had left a legacy of bitterness which soon manifested itself in terrorist acts. The most serious was the bijacking in June 1985 of the

requires notification to Con-

gress of arms shipments worth

more than \$14 million; the

Export Administration Act,

which prohibits the sale of

Meese to report on Iran arms fiasco lates arms transfers and Continued from page 1

that much of story came out. Mr Meese said that first hints of the irregularities came in the course of a review of documents about the legality of the arms shipments. Justice Department officials discovered differences in amount between the funds paid by Iran and the cost of the actual weapons. They theo found in other documents references to money being paid elsewhere. So far, they have not determined whether any criminal charges can or should be made. Nor has Mr Meese decided whether to convene a Grand Jury.

million to any country engaged in terrorism; the 1947 National Security Act, which set up the CIA and requires Congress to be ootified beforehand of covert operations, or, failing that, notification afterwards in "timely" fashioo; the Boland Amendment, which specifically prohibits funds for Congress, however, is almilitary equipment for anyready convinced that several one trying to overthrow the vital laws were infringed Nicaraguan Government These include: the Arms Ex-This restriction was lifted in port Control Act, which repu- August .

the lengthy negotiations the Administration realized that Iran held the key. The release of the TWA passengers, how-ever, still left several other cricans in the bands of the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad.

Already Mr Reagan had approved the approaches to his National Security Adviser, Mr Robert McFarlane, by Israel, who suggested that it could play a role in cultivating moderates in the Khomcini Government in the hope of stopping terrorism and in-fluencing the captors in Lebanon to release the US that only the shipment of some arms would be taken as a real token of US good faith in Tehran. It seems clear, therefore, that he gave tacit approval to Israel's effort to supply US arms to the Iranians. And despite vigorous objections from several senior Cabinet officials here, he de-

and training. It was only a matter of months, Mr Reagan was told, before the Contras would cease to pose any military threat at all, and US leverage in forcing a change in Managna would be ended. Mr Reagan's dilemma, however, was that he could not legally do anything to help the Coutras. Congress in 1984 had cut off all military help to the rebels in angry reaction to the CIA's unining of Nicaraguan ports. The White House, and expecially Calonel North of especially Colonel North of

ges, Mr Reagan was told cided in January this year that the US itself would send

White House in disarray over arms cash scandal

Continued from page 1 Tuesday, has not yet been

goods to countries engaged in state-sponsored terrorism; the omnibus Anti-terrorism Act, Congress has left no doubt of its outrage at these latest revelations. "The credibility of the President and his ability which prohibits the transfer of commodities in excess of \$1 to govern are threatened." Mr Peter Rodino, the Democratic chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said in a letter to Mr Meese.

rhetorically: "Do you really

think this whole thing was run

can people."

by one lieutenant-colonel? How do you feel about the tooth fairy?"

the National Security Council,

set about getting private American organizations to fill

the gap. For although the law

forbade government military support for the Contras, it said nothing about private merce-

naries and individuals who

fund-raising oper-

Many congressmen have strongly attacked Mr Reagan's professed ignorance of the whole affair, saying it was inconceivable that he should not know the details of what his own White House staff and security advisers were doing. But Mr Donald Regan, the

White House Chief of Staff. "An independent investigainsisted the diversion of funds tion is the only way to restore had oot been reported to him. the confidence of the Ameri-"Does the bank president know if a teller in the bank is fiddling around with the books? No. Senator Patick Moynibam a New York Democrat, asked

to the whole story by the flat opposite."

denial in Miami by Adolfo Colero, a Contra leader, that his organization had received any of the funds described by Mr Meese.

Newspapers and commentators are increasinly comparing the scandal to Watergate. But Mr Meese yesterday said a special prosecutor would be appointed only if possible involvement hy high level officials was found.

"In Watergate you had at least the allegation that people were trying to conceal things.
In this situation both the Justice Department and the Confusion has been added President have done just the

consequeoces will be terrible.

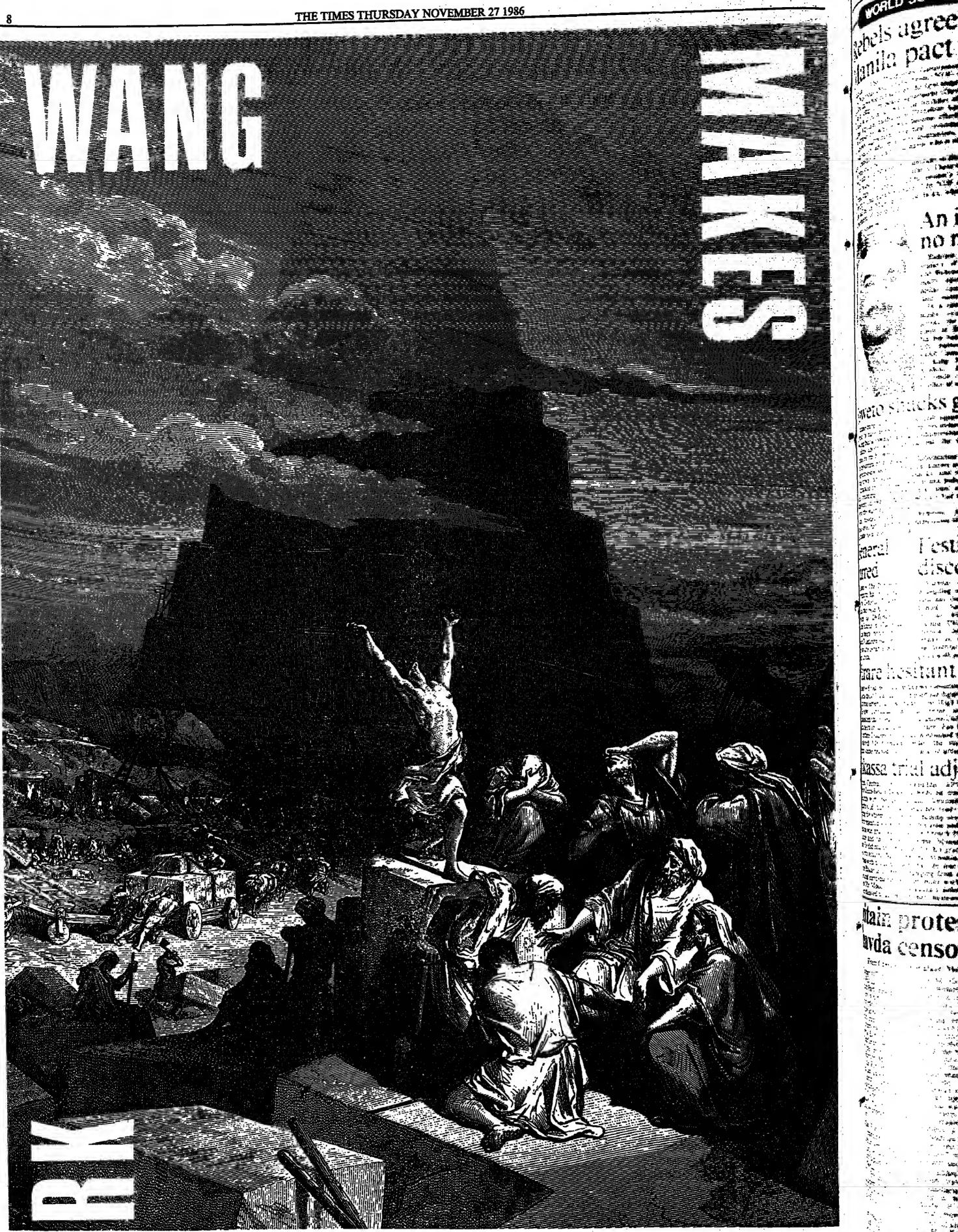
But, in any event, Mr

Mr Shultz presents an especially difficult problem. It would look unfair for the Secretary of State, who was right, to be sacked by the President, who had refused to take his advice. It would also look indecisive for Mr Reagan to get rid of Mr Shultz when he has been insisting that he wants the Secretary of State to stay.

fiasco has been less than glorious. There have been conflicting accounts of how much he knew and when he knew it. But, while he opposed the arms deal, he does appear after losing that argument to have behaved as if it were possible for the Secretary of State to shuffle off responsibility for what be knew to be a disastrous enterprise in foreign

reasury Secretary, who was judgement.

Nobody can be sure that any changes will be able to restore the credit of the Reagan Administration. But it will not be re-established without



And they said, Go to, let us build a city and a tower, whose top may thlngs, computer systems. reach unto heaven;

people is one, and they have all one language...and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not confusion. understand one another...

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WORLD SUMMARY Rebels agree on

Manila pact

Manila — The Philippines Government and the Communist National Democratic Front (NDF) will sign a 60-day ceasefire agreement today as the first stage of what is boped will be a long-term peace agreement (David Watts writes). The date will coincide with the birthday of the late Senator Benigno Aquino, husband of President Aquino.

The ceasefire, which will become effective on December 10, follows agreement reached yesterday on provisions covering safety and immunity gnarantees, according to Mr Satur Ocampo, a former journalist who is one of the National Front negotiators.

The plan is to proceed to substantive discussions 30 days after the ceasefire comes into effect. These would come unde the headings of human rights, people's welfare, national sovereignty and durable peace. The NDF is expected to set up an office in Manila for the talks, which now have the



An island no more

Bahrain (Renter) — The leaders of Sandi Arabia and Bahrain yesterday for-mally opened a billion-dollar causeway between their causeway

their countries.

In a speech on a manmade island half-way
across the new link, the
Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh
Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa,
left, named it the King
Fahd Canseway in honour
of King Fahd of Sandi
Arabia, describing the
15½-mile causeway as "a
symbol of solidarity..."

Soweto shacks go

Johannesburg — More than 100 squatter shacks were reported to have been destroyed yesterday in Soweto, the sprawling black township near Johannesburg, amid conflicting claims about who carried out the demolition work (Michael Hornsby writes).

The government Bureau for Information maintained that settled house-dwellers in the area, known as Mololo, started tearing down the squatters' shacks, and that in turn they were attacked by the squatters. When police arrived on the were attacked by the squatters. When police arrived on the scene, according to the butean's account, stones and petrol bombs were thrown at them, and they had to use tear gas to disperse the warring factions.

Local residents claimed, however, that the police themselves either joined in the demolition of the shacks or at least made no attempt to stop it.

General barred

Lisbon — The Portugese Government has refused a visa to General Magnus Malan, the South African Minister of Defence, to. visit the island of Maderia: He had been invited by a group of Madeira businessmen who are established in South Africa.

Festival discord

wrangling of a trade dispute has engulfed the cele-brated Salzburg music festival, with the famed Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra threatening yes-terday to withdraw from the festival if it were not given a 40 per cent pay rise.

Harare hesitant

Harare - Evidence of Zimbabwe Government hesitancy to release its most formidable opposition figure from detention without trial emerged yesterday. The High Court heard that the Review Tribunal had, at some suspecified date, recommended the release of Mr Daniso Dabengus, aged 47, who has been in jail almost six years (Jan Raath writes). Mr Justice Dudley Reynolds postpooed the case to today and ordered Mr Canana Dube, the state advocate, to "produce some reason for your lack of action".

Bokassa trial adjourns

Bangui, Central African Republic (AP) — The former Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa went on trial yesterday, but proceedings were postponed until December 15 after the prosecutor said that the case was not ready for trial.

During the stormy but brief opening session, the former Emperor repeatedly spoke out in a loud and firm voice, saying that he was grateful to the late French President Charles de Gaulle and the present Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac. He did not give reasons for his gratitude.

The prosecutor, Mr Gabriel Mbodon, surprised the courtroom with his admission that the four-page indictment accusing Bokassa of crimes ranging from embezzlement to murder and cannibalism needed more work. By agreement between Mr Mbodon and Bokassa's defence counsel, the trial was delayed to allow "further inquiries". trial was delayed to allow "further inquiries".

Britain protests at Pravda censorship

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

on human rights during a lengthy interview with the newspaper's London correspondent earlier this month.

During the interview, Mr
Timothy Renton, Minister of
State at the Foreign Office,
combined an exposition of
Britain's stand on arms control with a stinging attack on the Kremlin's policy towards Soviet Jews, but the latter remarks never appeared in the newspaper.

Yesterday The Times ob-tained a transcript of the remarks which were censored from the article, which took up nearly half a page under the headline "What is London's Opinion?". British sources said the cuts demonstrated the strict limits to the Kremlin's new policy of glasnost (open-

In the censored passage, Mr Renton told Pravda: "On. human rights and humanitarian issues, I think it is very important for the Soviet Union to bring forward the discussion and resolution of these issues, because what I find most of all in Britain at the moment . . . is that people in the UK cannot understand why, if the Soviet Jew wants to the country. leave the country to go and settle in the United States, or israel, or the UK, he should not be able to do so quickly

and simply. That, of course, applies even more to those who are held in detention camps where we see no reason for them to commentary which attacked be. The Soviet Union, if it Britain's stand on arms conwishes to present itself in a trol, but made no reference to.

The Foreign Office has protested to Pravida, the official Communist Party newspaper, for its censorship of hard-hitting remarks by a British minister about Soviet failings allowing freedom to large the community that the community of the community should allowing freedom to favor the community that the community of the communit ment and freedom to leave the country that is fully consistent with the Helsinki Final Act, to which the Soviet Union is a nuclear specialist who told him she was nnable to attend conferences abroad for security reasons. "There is no problem of allowing Jews, or anybody as such, not to leave. It is only a problem of security," the Pravda correspondent said.

He added, according to the British transcript: "On the humanitarian ground, everything is being sorted out.

Maybe it could be more speedy, more efficient."

Pravda also cut all reference to Mr Renton's response. "You really cannot expect that answer of yours to hold water," he told Mr Masienn-ikov. "It does not hold water because I know a number of committees and delegations who come into here and say to me 'We have these long lists and the names of those Soviet Jews who simply wish to leave

"They are not in important strategic jobs, they are not in prison camps. They just wish to move, to leave, to go and join their relatives in the United States, to go to Israel."

The interview was accom-panied by a critical Pravda more favourable light, as I am the issue of human rights.

Defence takes its stand on identity issue in 'Ivan the Terrible' trial

From Ian Mutray, Jerusalen

The state of Israel opened its case yesterday against Ivan John Demjanjuk, the man it claims is "Ivan the Terrible." was shackled hand and foot and could not keep his balance when the driver braked. His client did not underthe mass executioner at the Nazi death camp of Treblinka. For much of the proceedings in the Jerusalem district court, the defendant, aged 66, appeared in considerable district stand what was going on, Mr O'Connor said, because the only interpreter being offered to translate proceedings into his native Ukrainian was a police officer who was also a prosecution witness. That was tress, sometimes standing, sometimes sitting, holding his stomach, rocking back and forth or dabbing at his eyes with a handkerchief. obviously unsatisfactory.

Mr O'Connor had found it impossible to understand a lot

He looked relieved when the 45-minute hearing ended and he was told that the case

would be adjourned until

The Supreme Court presi-

dent, Mr Dov Levine, entered

a plea of not guilty to the long indictment after Mr Mark O'Connor, the defence lawyer,

had protested at length but in

vain that he was not yet in a

Mr O'Connor spent most of the hearing protesting in vain. His client did not understand

what was going on, he said, because he had needed med-

ication after being brought to the court because he suffered a

series of accidents in the van-

that brought him there from

the prison. His head had repeatedly been banged against the sides of the vehicle,

he explained later, because he

position to make a plea.

January 19.

The Foreign Office yesterday rejected demands by a Conser-vative MP for a more vigorous approach to Israel for information on the nuclear tech-nician, Mr Mordechai Vanunn (Our Diplomatic Correspon-dent writes). Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State, told Mr Dennis Walters, MP for Westbury, there would be no

further approach.

of the written prosecution evidence, which had not even been translated into Hebrew, let alone English. He did understand there was not enough money available to the court to pay for all the evidence to be translated. All this meant, he went on,

that he was merely a spectator of what was going on. His client backed him up. "I don't understand everything be-

cause nobody read them in Ukrainian," Mr Demjanjul aid in English when asked if he understood the indictment.
Mr O'Connor interpreted this to mean, not that his client did not understand the charges but that he did not understand their legal im-plications. He asked that the charges should not be read

Mr O'Connor said he did not contest 95 per cent of the facts set out in the indictment. "The crimes of Hitler are well known. The crimes of Treblinka are well known. But we are not going to admit those,"

The point is this is not the man of the indictment," he said, pointing at Mr Demjanjuk, sitting crumpled between his two guards.

Mr O'Connor asked for a threshold trial" to settle the question of identity and so save Israel the expense of a "This defendant is helpless

in the power of the state of Israel. We are helpless before you," Mr O'Connor told the Mr Levine took it all as a

plea of not guilty. He promised to provide translations of any documents requested by the defence and adjourned the

Hindawi brother is jailed

From John England

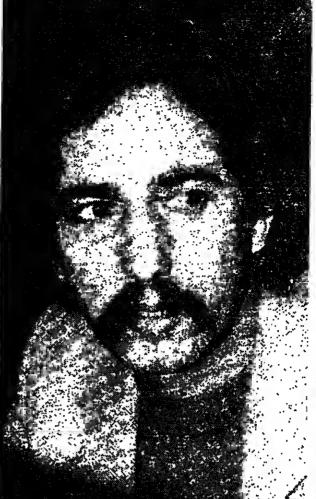
A court in West Berlin sentenced two Jordanians to long prison terms yesterday for a bomh attack in the city with explosives that the judge said were supplied by the Syrian Embassy in East Berlin. West Berlin justice authori-

ties also issued an inter-national arrest warrant for a man described as a Syrian military intelligence official, who is alleged to have brought the bomb from Syria.

Ahmed Hasi, aged 35, a brother of Nezar Hindawi who was sentenced in London last month to 45 years in prison for attempting to blow up an El Al airliner, was given a 14-year sentence. His accomplice, Faruk Salameh, aged 40, was sentenced to 13

Both were found guilty of attempted murder by causing an explosion at the German-Arah Friendship Society's centre in West Berlin on March 29, which injured nine people. They had confessed to the attack and told police that a Syrian named Haytham Saed had given Hasi the bomb in a suitcase at the Syrian Embassy in East Berlin.

Saed, the man named in the international arrest warrant, was also mentioned during the Hindawi trial. In the West Berlin court yesterday, Herr Hans-Joachim Heinze, the presiding judge, said Hasi went to the embassy after a pre-arranged telephone call from Saed and collected the bomb from him.



Ahmed Hasi, who was sent to prison for 14 years yesterday for his part in an attempt to bomb offices in West Berlin.

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Crucial test for racial peace

Whites' veto threatens progress in Natal on getting rid of apartheid

seen as South Africa's last chance to show that a negotiated settlement of the country's racial conflict is still possible, entered a crucial stage when it resumed in Durban today amid reports of serious disagreement over the issue of minority rights.

Since April 3, delegates from 37 organizations, representing all race groups, have been meeting, on average once a fortnight, in the city hall, and are oow tantalizingly close to agreement on a working model for South Africa's first fully multiracial provincial

The aim of the indaba (the Zulu word for a tribal cooference) is to merge the white-occupied and KwaZulu tribal homeland areas of Natal into a single apartheid-free enrity represented by a legislature elected on a one-man-one-vote, proportional representa-tion basis.

The most important black participant to the indaba is the well-drilled Inkatha organization of the conservative Zulu leader, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, who is a force to be reckoned with in Natal, where 78 per cent of the 6.620,300 inhahitants are black and

predominantly Zulu. Also taking part are the antiapartheid Progressive Federal Party, the main parliameotary voice of white liberalism, several mixed-race Coloured and lodian parties, and various husiness, professional and cultural organizations, includ-

The Natal indaba, widely aans-speaking and English- and "general" - would be allotted 10 seats each. speaking whites.

President Botha's ruling National Party was invited to second house, like the British take part, and after some hesitatioo warily accepted ob-server status instead. Pretoria in the case of legislation appears to be waiting to see affecting the cultural, religious

The ingenious model now being discussed by the indaba envisages a two-house legisla-ture. The first house, of 100

West German shipyard, Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft of Kiel, which is alleged to have sold South Africa submarine blueprints, is being investigated oo suspicioo of having broken arms export laws. Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Min-ister, said yesterday (Our Bonn Correspondent writes).

seats, would be elected on a proportional basis, and the party which won 51 per ceot or more of the vote, and hence of the seats, would supply the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister would be entitled to fill half the Cabioet posts from his own party. The other half would be allocated to other parties in the house in proportion to their share of seats. The Prime Minister would thus command half the votes in Cahioet plus his own.

The second chamber, as currently cooceived, would have 50 seats in which r preous husiness, professional and cultural organizations, includ-ing several representing Afrik-English, black African, Indian

For the most part, the House of Lords, would only what the outcome of the indaba is before committing group, 41 of its 50 members would have to vote in favour.

By this mechanism, devised to appease whites and mainly Afrikaner whites, any one group would have an effective veto over such legislation. It is over this proposal that the indaba's bitherto miraculously maintaioed consensus is io danger of cracking.

Indian and Coloured participants are threatening to walk out over the issue. The Indians, who account for 11 per ceot of Natal's population, ask why whites (9 per cent) should, io effect, have a double veto, one exercised through the Afrikaner group and one through the English

A Coloured delegate, Mr Pieter Marais, complained this week that the *indaba* was turning into "a Zulu-Afrikaoer paci", and that Coloureds (2 per cent of Natal's population) were being treated as "oon-

If the indaba can resolve its differences, it would put Pretoria on the spot. Mr Botha would have no convincing reason for not allowing Natal to go its own way, other than his ingraioed reluctance to see apartheid disappear com-pletely in even one part of South Africa.



Amy Carter, student daughter of the former President, talking to some of 60 other demonstrators in a court at North Massachusetts, yesterday. She pleaded not guilty to charges in connection with a sit-in at the University of Massachusetts on Monday against CIA campus recruiting. The judge ordered her to attend a "pre-trial conference" on January 28.

Parking fine scandal in New York

Democrats fear more corruption trials

From Christopher Thomas New York

New York City's political establishment was in shock yesterday following the con-viction of the Bronx Demo-cratic leader on racketeering and bribery charges. With a rash of FBI inrestigations oow under way, it seems that the greatest politi-

only just begun. Mr Stanley Friedman, for years one of New York's most powerful politicians, faces up to 30 years' imprisonment for his role in a racketeering enterprise that transformed the Parking Violations Bu-reau, which collects millions of dollars a year in overdue parking fines, into a gold mine

He was convicted with three others on Thesday, following an eight-week trial in New Haven, Connecticut. The Mayor of New York,

Mr Edward Kech, declaring himself "naive" for trusting Mr Fieldman and others tainted by the scandal, has risen skilfully above the affair. risen skilfully above the auan-His friend, Mr Donald Ma-nes, the former Queens Bor-ough president, committed suicide earlier this year by plunging a kitchen knife into his chest after being im-plicated in the scandal. So many Brown Democratic

So many Broux Democratic leaders are now under in-restigation by the FBI that there is a dearth of candidates to succeed Mr Friedman as the Queens Democratic boss. He did not immediately

talk yesterday of going outside the party's tightly-knit organ-ization and choosing a retired judge to establish an image of integrity. With the Friedman trial out of the way, law enforcement agencies say a new round of

corruption cases will come forward. Mr John Hogan, director of the New York office of the FBL said corruption inquiries would continue for several years. He knew of several important cases in the works. "This will not go away. This will blossom," he said, with

obvious delight.

Mr Koch innounced that the city would sue more than a

resign, but party leaders made dozen people involved in the it clear that he would be fired if Parking Violations Bureau he did not do so. There was scandal for as much as \$10

The wife of the late Mr Manes is negotiating with city officials about returning bribes paid to her husband. She has a job with the city but to sack ber. The others convicted were

Lester Shafran, former director of the Parking Violations Bureau; Michael Lazar, a real estate developer and former city transportation admin istrator; and Marvin Kaplan, chairman of Citisource Inc., a company chosen to manufacture bandheld computers to issue summonses for the ParkParis joins Pacific nuclear curb pact

From A Correspondent

France made a big step forward towards a Pacific zone free from nuclear contamination when it signed on Tuesday a treaty with the United States, Australia, New Zealand and the small South Pacific islands aimed at eradicating nuclear and all other pollution from the

The French, who exploded a 20-kilotonne nuclear device on Mururoa Atoli only days before the treaty meeting began, have now committed themselves to prevent, reduce and control pollution which might arise from such tests.

Officials who attended the meeting in Noumea, New Caledonia, said the agreement paved the way for strict independent monitoring of the effects of any further French nuclear tests.

Delegates at the meeting burst into applause at the French decision, made after years of French insistence that its nuclear tests had no dan-

gerous environmental effects. The officials said that clear ance for the decision had come direct from President Mitterrand and that it was in part intended to improve the country's bad political image

in the region.
The US had agreed before the meeting to stop its own insistence that it reserved the right of nuclear dumping in

the South Pacific. A spokesman for the United Nations Environment Programme, which helped bring the nations together, told reporters here after the meeting that the treaty will cover a 200-mile limit round every island, which effectively coving Bureau. Sentencing has ers most of the high seas in the been scheduled for March 1.

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Gulf War stepped up

Fears grow of Iran naval blockade

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

Iran is expected to increase number of important quesand from Arab ports.

Some shipping officials in Western shipping sources in the United Arab Emirates the Gulf are now convinced: even fear that Iran may e that the Iraqi jets lauded in cootemplate closing the strait altogether, provoking a major Iraqi raids on Larak strangle Iranian oil exports.

showed just how fiercely the Iranians now choose to retaliate for Iraqi attacks on their

An increase in Iranian naval operations off Hormuz is likely to be an immediate result of Tuesday's Iraqi raid on Larak, calculated to send shock waves through the Arab Gulf states which rely on the narrow waterway for the export of their own oil.

At least 48 civilians, including 17 women and 13 chil-dren, were killed when the Iranian Scud missile landed in the centre of Baghdad, according to Iraqi radio.

. The Iranians said that their missile had hit an "intelli-gence headquarters". They said it had been fired in retaliation for Iraqi air raids oo Iranian cities in which, they said, 112 people had died.

A statement by the Revolu-tionary Guards headquarters in Tehran gave a warning that Iran was "capable of launch-ing missile attacks on indus-trial, economic and in-telligence centres in all Iraqi cities" if Iraq "did not stop its criminal acts". criminal acts".

While there was no confu-sion about the missile explo-

is harassment of merchant tions remain to be answered ships entering and leaving the about other attacks in the Gulf Gulf after the Iraqi air raid on the Larak island oil terminal, how Iraqi jets managed to sending more naval gunboats stage their attack on Larak into the Strait of Hormuz to hitting three oil tankers and the search and configurate the stop, search and confiscate the setting one of them on fire, cargoes of vessels travelling to during a round-trip journey of at least 1,400 miles.

an Arab state; quite probably Saudi Arabia, to refuel on their way to and from Larak. Press reports that the Iraqis were refuelled in mid-air by The Iranian missile attack their own aircraft are being yesterday on the centre of ridiculed by several diplomats Baghdad, the third in a week and by far the bloodiest so far, Iraqis are incapable of performing so sophisticated an operation.

> that the attack on an oil rig off the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday was carried out by Iraqi jets and that the bomb-ing, in which five foreigners, including Frenchmen, Paki-stanis and an Indian died, may have been deliberate.

> • that Iranian oil shipments will continue despite the Larak raid, but that with winter storms disrupting shipping at Hormuz, oil exports could be reduced scriously in the coming weeks, placing a severe new strain on Iran's есопоту.

> One of the three tankers hit in Tuesday's raid was still burning yesterday afternooo although fires on board an Iranian vessel, the "mother ship Tabriz, which is used as a floating oil storage depot, had been put out. Radio reports of wreckage and rubble on Larak Island are untrue, since the island is merely an uninhab-ited sand dune that gave its name to the terminal.

The dramatic developments of the past two days, however, appear to have been staged more for their effect on public morale than on furthering the sion in Baghdad, however, a course of the war.

fere with normal activities,

but if there is some distress,

difficulty or disaster involving

a British ship then you have the Royal Navy somewhere

The Navy has maintained

its patrols in the Gulf for several years. Currently the

destroyer Nottingham and the frigate Andromeda, backed up by the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Orange Leaf, are under-

They have been contacting Iranian Hercules aircraft fly-

ing over the Gulf and identify

British warships will increase patrols

From Peter Davenport, Muscat

Royal Navy warships have assistance. We will not interbeen ordered to increase their of the Gulf, it was disclosed yesterday as hostilities between Iran and Iraq reached

They have been instructed to make more frequent patrols and to maintain a higher profile in an attempt to provide protection for British ships and seamen.

The new orders were disclosed yesterday by the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr George Younger, who was in Muscat after visiting a joint British-Omani military exerc-

"The objective is to make it

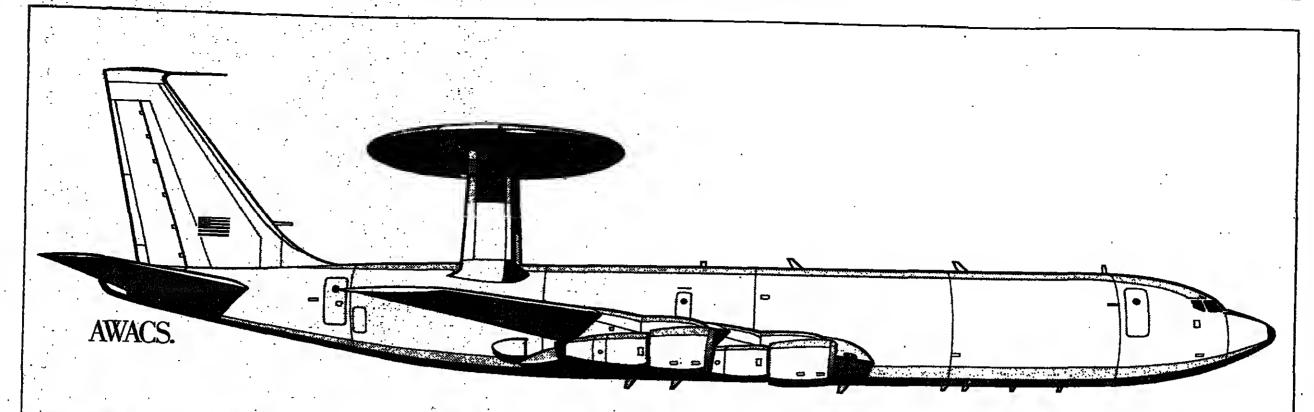
clear that we are there, within reach, should the need arise," "If British ships and people

get into difficulty, the Royal Navy will be there to tender

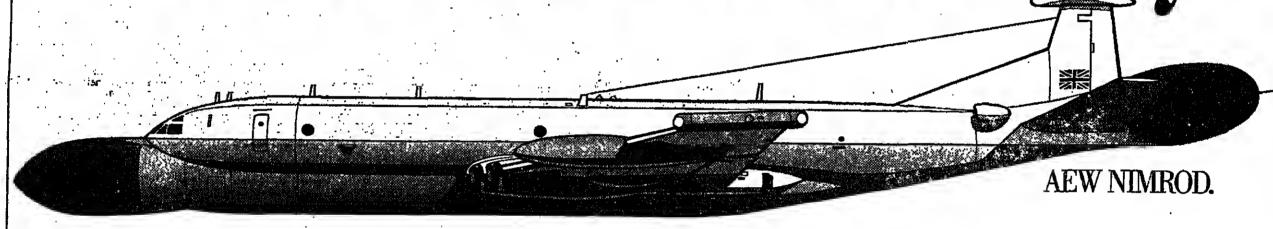
ing themselves, a tactic which, it is believed, can often pre-

taking the task.

vent an attack on merchant ships in the immediate area. The two warships have been. involved in the military exercise in Oman, but are expected to return to their patrols within the next few



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The MI5 spy book hearing

Judge suggests British security sensitivity often 'just stupid'

Whitehall mounted yesterday a new phase in its cam-paign to withhold confidentialdocuments from the MI5 book trial here, to the evident chagrin of the judge, who has twice ordered that they be

The British Government's attempt to seek refuge behind a legal shield - that the papers are so secret that they are immune from public interest concerns and should not even be shown to the judge himself - brought from Mr Justice Powell a rebuke about the implied insult that his court was nnt "leakproof". He also observed that it was "abundantly clear to everyone that Whitehall was doing its damnedest to stop anyone getting near the documents."

Mr Justice Powell has expressed concern about the British case before, but never so fully as yesterday. He repeatedly brought Mr Theo Simos QC, counsel for the Government, back to points which he said "puzzled" him. In the process, he again voiced suspicion that a sworn written answer given to the court by Sir Robert Arm-strong, the Cabinet Secretary, was false, and questioned whether British security sensitivity was not "just stupid". The judge, himself a former officer in Australian Military

Soviet Army in Afghanistan

bave rejected an appeal from

the Soviet Government that they end their asylum in

At a press conference in

Toronto, members of the

group described atrocities they

had seen committed by the Russians in Afghanistan, and said that morale among the

said Mr Sergei Busov, aged 22,

who was a driver-mechanic

The five were spirited out of

Afghanistan last week after

being held prisoner by the Mujahidin resistance fighters

for periods of between three

and six years, and brought to

Canada oo Thursday from

The Canadian authorities

have refused to release any

details of the top-secret rescue operation which, according to

some unconfirmed reports,

involved the British intelli-

On Tuesday, at a Canadian to remain in Canada

with the Soviet forces.

They do not want to fight,"

troops was poor.

Canada and return home.

offer to return home

From John Best, Ottawa

Five defectors from the immigration office in To-

Intelligence, indicated that at least three of the documents could be won on the law. hewould treat the secret papers with proper respect and found it "offensive" that be was being told he could not inspect them.

Late in the day, Mr Simos appeared to take a step back, stating that the British Government would have oo objection to the judge examining the documents. But Mr Simos said he would seek leave to appeal if the judge still insisted they be shown to lawyers for Mr Peter Wright, whose book Whitehall is seeking to have

A ruling no the papers is expected today, after which Mr Wright's counsel, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, will resume his cross-examination of Sir Robert in camera.

Exactly what the documents are is stated on a secret list in a sealed envelope deposited with the judge. In an affidavit filed last

Sunday, Mr Christopher Mallaby, Deputy Secretary at the Cabinet office, said disclosure of the papers would endanger British national security by identifying serving and past members of MI5; revealing details relevant to current MI5 operations; identifying sources of information; and identifying people who had been investigated by the service. Mr Turnbull submitted that

rooto, the five were con-frooted by two officials of the

Soviet Embassy from Ottawa who had asked to interview

them. A representative of the

Canadian External Affairs

The officials assured them that nothing would happen to

them if they accepted an offer

to return home, and said that three other Soviet army deserters who had gone back to the Soviet Unioo from

Western countries were oow

living happily with their

The five turned the Soviet officials down point-blank.
They denied having takeo

part in atrocities in Afghani-

stan, while acknowledging

that such activities were com-

mon. Mr Vladislav Naumov,

aged 24, a paratrooper, re-

called one Soviet operating in

which 98 Afghan civilians were killed. "Only one of them

The five have been granted

special permits allowing them

was a guerrilla."

Department was present.

were "enormous whales in the bay" which went to the heart of the British case.

affidavit. He found it difficult, he said, to get to grips with Mr Mallaby's proposition that disclosing the ideotity of agents was occessarily detrimental to national security.

He had been reading Matter of Trust by Nigel West and found it "replete with instances of agents being named, and of informers and defectors being named, nf nperations being described both by codename and

The question that worried him about cases like this was whether there was a degree of nver-reaction. Some instances an insider might be. nf security sensitivity were just stupid

Then Mr Justice Powell returned to a subject which has troubled him before - the British answer as to why it did not try to restrain publication of Their Trade Is Treachery by Chapman Pincher (Sir Robert says it was decided there was no basis on which to suppress

hypothesis that the list of documents included an in-

The Pope, speaking in a country where less than one-third of its 3.9 million Roman

Catholics go to Mass regu-larly, said it was no longer just

a question of spreading the

Gospel to those who have not

heard it, but of reaching those who have heard it "but no

longer respond".

The Pope later drew his largest crowd yet in this nation of 16 million people, an es-

timated 200,000 faithful at a

Mass at Randwick racecourse,

From a podium crowded with 450 hishops and 650 priests, the Pope told them: "I am thinking of those baptised

in the faith who are no longer

actively present in the Church.

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absence from the community

of Christ's faithful are also

many," he said.

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Sydney.

Soviet defectors refuse Pope pleads with erring

a puzzle which I still have not been able to sort out in my The judge went back to the mind, how on Earth could anyone have given that advice?" (that there was no

basis for restraining the book).

Mr Simos said the British case would stand or fall by its cootention that disclosure of informatioo by a security service "insider" was what constituted the risk. It did not follow that because Whitehall had not interfered with books by "outsiders" like Mr Pincher, it should be deprived from obtaining an injuction against an "insider" like Mr

The judge then took up the question of how authoritative "If out there is material

which suggests Mr Wright was among a group which got so bemused by the exotic of intelligence-gathering, and it could be demonstrated that he would believe anything so long as it supported his hypothesis — what damage are yoo going to get by publication by an insider?

"Assume Mr Wright is a slightly dotty old gentleman in an advanced state of Alzheimer's disease - could there ternal government letter say-ing that the case was "a political hot potato" but that it old man?"

strayed from Church teaching.

In his homily during the Mass, at which 20 people were

taken to hospital suffering from the effects of the 26

degrees Centigrade (79 de-grees Fahrenheit) heat, the

Pope conceded that some have

"perhaps been hurt by the

standing or abruptness of the Church's ministers, by the scandal of their fellow Chris-

"To all of those who have

wandered from their spiritual

back. The Church opens her arms to you, the Church loves

nome, I wish to say: Come

In a whirlwind third day of

his visit to Australia, the Pope

also met judustrial workers at

a factory, members of the

Jewish community, university

professors and Catholic bish-

Church, by the misu

Catholics to return

yesterday issued a passionate Pope has gently chided his appeal to Roman Catholics flock without harshly concerns back. Sydney (AP) - The Pope and Pacific pilgrim

Gorbachov protesters rounded up

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

The Indian authorities, no doubt trying to make Mr Mikhail Gorbachov feel at home, yesterday rounded up anyone who appeared to be demonstrating against his

Fifty-eight Afghan refugees, 15 of them women, began waving placards protesting at the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan when police swo-oped and arrested them.

A hundred or so other Afghans began tearing down posters of Mr and Mrs Gorbachov in Old Delhi. Several hundred passers-by beat and kicked them. Two women and 57 Afghan men were

arrested. The Afghans were out on the streets for the second day, and posters appeared appeal-ing for a Soviet pull-out. Outside the Soviet Embassy

protesters from the opposition Janata Party gathered with the same object. Their placards were ripped from them and 15 were hustled away by police. Mr Gorbachov and his wife, Raisa, planted a magnolia sapling at the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr Gorbachov then visited the home of Mrs Indira Gandhi, which is now a museum. He lunched with President ops, and saw the Opera Giani Zail Singh before before House, where he posed for embarking on talks with Mr starts. Since starting the Austra- pictures with the Sydney bar- Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime lian leg of his two-week Asian bour bridge in the background. Minister.

Falklands vote in the UN

vote oo the Falklands.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, treated the 116-4 vote as an annual ritual devoid of practical import.

There was no mood to

Coming just four weeks before the General Assembly debated Argentina's motion, the announcement was seen by some countries as a hardening of British resolve on Falklands sovereignty.

sisted that the zooe was

had to be announced in October to allow time for fishing nations to apply for licences before next year's season

UK unmoved by **Argentine success**

remained determined yesterday not to be influenced by the huge majority in Argen-tina's favour in the United Nations General Assembly

accept criticism that the majority might have been closer to last year's 107-4 but for the unfortunate timing of Sir Geoffrey's announcement of an interim fishing protectioo zone around the islands.

Whitehall has always in-

strictly a measure to conserve rapidly dwindling fish stocks, unrelated to sovereignty. As to the timing, the sources said that the zooe, which comes into effect in February,

The British Government UN vote, especially among Britain's EEC partners, the result was a foregone conclusion. The loss of support from The Netherlands, which joined four other EEC nations which voted against Britain last year, was the main disappointment.
The attitude of Britain's

former supporters has been that enough time has passed since the 1982 war for Britain to adopt a more magnanimous attitude. There is a widespread assumption that Britain will compromise sooner or later for financial reasons and that international pressure may accelerate the process. A further reason for the

heavy defeat lay in the super-ficially mild wording of the resolution, which calls for oegotiations with an open agenda. This enabled tra-ditional allies, including the US, to argue that no one could be against talks. However, Argentina's President Raul Alfonsin has made it clear that an "open" agenda would in-

clude sovereignty:
Beyond the feelings of frustration with Whitehall's stand lay a wider dissatisfaction with British foreign policy. In the political trade-offs which determine UN voting patterns, Britain is increas- Iranian Parliament, has been

Jail terms cut Thai attacks on refugees

Bangkok - Long prison sentences, such as the 448-year terms imposed on two Thai fishermen, have reduced pirate attacks on Viemamese refugee boats in the Gulf of Thailand, according to United Nations officials (Neil Kelly

They said that fewer than one in two of the boats were attacked this year compared with four out of five during

The fishermen were convicted of abducting and raping two Victnamese refugee women aged 17 and 15, whom they held for a month before throwing them into the sea.

Peking envoy seeks asylum Peking (AFP) - China has acknowledged that a Chinese diplomat and his wife, re-

ported to be seeking political asylum in West Germany, had disappeared.
Sources in Bonn said Mr Tu
Bingru had applied for asylum
on Monday.

Lightning raid Moscow (Renter) - Eight Soviet soldiers were knocked unconscious when lightning

struck the ground at their

Caucasus mountain training range in Soviet Georgia. **Ouake hits**

Belgrade (AP) - An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale injured 14 peo-ple and damaged buildings near the port town of Split.

Books seized Peking (AP) - The city of Peking has seized more than \$00,000 illegally published works this year, including tales of ancient military ex-

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Washington (AP) - The Pentagon, which authorized the Marine Corps to assist in the production of a Clint Eastwood film, told the Corps not to help promote it because the final version did not "accurately portray Marines or their training".

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Never go back in where you have been happy and if you do. make sure Desmond Wilcox is not recording the moment with a camera crew. Fifty years after the Queen Mary's maiden voyage to New York, some veterans of the trip made u commenorative journey on the QE2. Des was there. And how. The Visit (BBC2) was an embarrassing eavesdrop on the recollection of these pas-sengers. But whereas a school reunion gathers the survivors in their original location, this exercise was more of a works noting in which the elderly participants cast their eyes back and compared, rather than looked around and

TELEVISION

Whicker and Robinson have both made entertaining programmes about cruises. It must be said that, doggy-paddling in their wake, Wilcox has not. Only one or two items nf interest bobbed to the surface; the fact that Conard wished to name their ship then the biggest ever - after Victoria and therefore asked George V'a permission to call it by the name of Britain's most illustrious queen. (He was sure, he replied, that his wife would be very pleased.)
And a story told by Larry
Adler of haw he met Joseph Kennedy on board, sailing to tell Roosevelt that he should divorce himself from Britain and ally America to that man of the future, Hitler.

Otherwise, it was a programme which got its just desserts when, because of icebergs, the QE2 skipped New York altogether and made instead for Baltimore. An "utter disaster", said one

Breaking Up (BBC2), by man of the moment Nigel Williams, continues to create its own atmosphere in a series about a young boy caught in the no-man's-land between his divorcing parents. Haunting, different and memorably acted, this drama plays on the cheeky intelligence of children wheo not in adult company and the childishness of adults when in each other's, It is also

> Nicholas | Shakespeare the gossips and divorcees. Finally, when Mary secures

CONCERT

The mellowing of Sir Georg

Solti has perhaps been pro-

nounced too soon. Last night

he was back oo form as the

buman dynamo of music.

leaning over the Loodon Phil-

harmonic Orcbestra to enc-

ourage from them an angular

assault on Haydn's Symphony No 99, and then entering the

ring to do battle with Mahler's

Fifth. Perhaps a closer image

would be that of a rodeo

display of borsemanship, with

the conductor taking great

risks yet just - and very much

just in an increasingly bectic

finale - staying on.
This combative dualism

also became a principal fea-ture of the substance of the

music. Within a very short

while, when the trumpet motif

harking back to Beethoven's

Fifth returned, its accompaniment was strongly dissociated

from it, active in a life of its

The LPO's strong and

characterful bass, developed

in Klaus Tennstedt's Mahler

LPO/Solti

Festival Hall

A glitter of gossips

THEATRE

The Women Old Vic

Bloody but unwowed" was the response of one spectator emerging from the 1936 pre-miere of Clare Boothe Luce's famed portrait of the Park Avenue set. The piece is new to me, but from its past reputation as one of

idle rich. After all, as Mrs Luce remarked in a radio interview last week, she had spent ber working life in a man's world; and what could be more fitting than a derisive farewell to the world of gossip before dis-appearing into a career in

federal politics? However, anyone expecting an evening in the company of a Tina Brown of the New Deal should be warned that The Women is about as corrosive as a milk shake. It is strong on wisecracks and put-downs, though they have none of the bite of Dorothy Parker. As for the plot, far from mounting an attack on female parasites it reproachable martyr in the amounts to a thunderous midst of a gleefully malicious endorsement of the married party. state

There are two brief scenes where the lot of Mrs Luce's characters is contrasted with that of the uoprivileged majority. Otherwise the whole piece is built around the gracious figure of Mrs Mary Haioes whose marital idyll might bave survived had not her back-biting friends got wind of ber busband's

adultery. The development of the play tells you more than any passing episode. We start off at a bridge party with high pressure cooversation about a bewildering variety of people. At this point the audience are made to feel like outsiders. The action then moves through the sitting room, gym, and bedroom, taking us more and more into complicity with

performances, certainly belp-

same time caught in the act of

mixed into its good humour.

cerned with the music's

comportment, bowever, was

not going to delve into its interior ambiguities, and so

there was no special need for

the Adagietto to offer repose;

it could be almost as tightly

driven and wayward as the rest, with the same tone rarely

maintained for more than a

couple of bars. The placing of

the harp with the double

basses drew its part more

wholly into the music and left

the centre stage for the violins. Then the finale, apart

the percussion, and to a team

rampant throughout.

A performance so con-

shoot down her rival (the second Mrs Haines, need it be second Mrs Hames, need it be said, is n gold-digger of low degree), the audience are invited to jnin with the idle rich in relishing the biggest scandal of the month and climinating

of the month and climinating a vulgar upstart.

The jusofication for this fiftieth anniversary revival lies entirely in the amazing company Keith Hack has managed to assemble. With a cast of more than 40 any production would need production would need strenuous doubling but here it is carried out by artists such as Broadway's hottest potatoes one expects nothing less than a devastating onslaught on the Patti Love, Diana Quick and Emma Piper in a company of 18 who present an array of high precision performances with a profusion that defeats any attempt to do jusõce to

more than a few.
In Voytek's glitzy art-deco surround, the various intimate locations are swiftly trucked on and off enabling the flow of gossip to proceed uninterrupted through the various tribal watering boles.

The action necessarily hinges on Susannah York as the ill-used Mary who - although she is finally allowed to develop claws of ber own is unavoidably stuck in the unrewardiog role of ir-reproachable martyr in the

Miss Love, as an infuriated gym instructress, comes over as a firecracker of professional exasperation, and Zena Walker as a much-married cradle-snatcher turns even a gloomy Reoo divorce queue into a jamboree. What is lacking here and

elsewhere is any strong sense of mutual cootact. The price of assembling a company of this quality is that it offers individual star turns rather than ensemble. Georgina Hale, as Mary's rival, presents an Anita Loos parody that is mannered almost to the point of becoming incomprehensible. Julia Foster as the perpetually pregnant Edith, Judi Bowker as a beached Southern Belle and Maria Aitken as Sylvia, the back-biter-in-chief, are all oe-liciously fuony in isolatioo.

Irving Wardle



Images of desolation

The Great Hunger The Almeida

Tom MacIntyre's play arrives in London garlanded with praise after performances in Dublin, Edinburgh and Bel-fast. Evidently it sparks a deep response in Celtic audiences Capri is playing on a scratchy who can bring to it their own record, and Paddy's mother is familiarity with remote, religious farms

The longish poem, by Patrick Kavanagh, that inspires the play is a bleak evocation of emotional poverty told in matter-of-fact lines that now and again throw up powerful images of desolation.

Patrick Masoo's productioo achieves something of the same sort of haunting excitement, climbing out of puzzling that come dashing through or bumdrum incideots. But their lives, are given such this is described, not as a theatrically-exciting transdramatization of the poem, but a meditatioo upon its themes. And the most significant of these, the emptiness of Paddy Maguire's life, mother-dominated and fearful of girls, is crowded out by the sbeer energy of what goes oo in froot

clay furrows curving away into the wings is absolutely right. Sheets of corrugated iron against the back of the stage continue the monotony into the distance, yet also confine the participants to their backwater parish.

The time is 1942, Isle of there behind him, represented by a statue - part weathered Christ, part Sphinx. Paddy polisbes it and mutters into its ear; bis unmarried sister pours scraps of water from pail to kettle and back again. Their lives are a cycle of trivial routines that will push them forward to their graves.

On the other hand, the group's sexually hungry girls, formations and movements that you would say there is never a dull moment. These are the erotic fanta-

sies of timid Irishmen, but such dreamlike melamorphoses show creative imagination of a high order. Patrick and a village girl enjoy Bronwen Casson's setting of a courtship oisplay where a

flapping bundle of raffle tickets serves as his rooster's tail; the girls make up their mouths with ever bigger scarler lips as they grimace with desire.

A choric procession, celebrating the arrival of spring, marvellously becomes a Mass where the congregation blear like animals and the priest conjures playing cards out of the chalice.

Little of the language of the poem survives the staging andmuch of what is said is hard to follow. Words are but one element along with movement and gesture, and all are fragmenied.

Tom Hickey's Patrick, leather-faced and unsmiling emphasizes everything grotesque io the character, the gawkiness, the gabbling, the nearly-conscious adoption of eccentricity to scare off frisky girls. But however arresting his performance manages to be, like the production itself, for a fair amount of the time. the heartbreak of emotional hunger seldom came across to this Anglo-Saxon onlooker.

Jeremy Kingston

Lost opportu of the Turner I

The award of this year's Turner Prize to Gilbert and George is rather like giving an artist a knighthood: the predictable reward of the establishment to u new recruit. This has in fact been the trouble with the Turner Prize throughout its first three years. It is rather as though the Booker Prize were to go to the best-selling British novel of the previous year: admirable though Malcolm Morley, Howard Hodgkin and Gilbert and George may be, they hardly need any addition in their laurels (or, presumulty, their bank accounts) when they are already exhibited all over the world, highly prized, bighly priced and generally riding high.

It may be argued, of course, that while the Turner shortlists seem excessively conservative and commercially oriented in the cognoscenti, the likes of Gilbert and George are soll a mystery to the general public, and a prize of this kind is just the thing to aid comprehension. But it seems likely that by nnw everybody whn needs for any reason to "understand" Gilbert and George already does, and that those who continue to regard their glossy photo-pieces, like Carl André's bricks, as some kind of confidence trick to snare a gullible intelligentsia will merely take the prize as more evidence for their views. The framing of the prize's terms, which refers to the

evitably far success: the

George retais has been impoughing America and the Continent no doubt deserves some kind of recogniting on a par with an award to industry. But the Turner Prize, surely, should be look. ing forward rather than back: not necessarily to someone fresh out of art school, but perhaps to artists not yet middle aged who are still making n mark, consolidating a reputation.

This year, for example, one might have expected to see nominated one or more of the new Glasgow painters such as Stephen Campbell or Peler Howson, who have been revitalising international ideas on British art.

lu any case, what is lacking from the abortlist is any idea of potential. Of the six nominees only the sculptor Bill Woodrow really seems in he in woodrow reality seems in he in the midst of a developing process. Even if it is true that Gilbert and George persist in refusing the accolade of the Royal Academy, it is quite evident that for some time now, their art has been accepting at The Turner Prize is becoming The Turner Prize is becoming little more than an extension of the RA.

John Russell Taylor

JAZZ

Ray Brown Trio Ronnie Scott's

While he was a member of Oscar Peterson's group in the Firties and early Sixties, Ray Brown deficed the state of the ezz bassist's art: a firm middleweight tone, a massively secure sense of swing and an immaculate choice of notes made him the object of enormous respect. Some listeners might now think Brown's playing old-fash-ioned. Others, though, will find his work in Soho this week a relief from the overamplified and interminably garrulous style of younger

Brown can "walk" a dozen choruses in 4/4 withcut feeling the need for the least decoration: wheo he takes his bow to a ballad theme, he is satisfied to depend on intonation and inflexion for expressive effect. At other times. hy contrast, he will fill the gaps in the theme of "But Not For Me" with emphatic doubletime commentaries. In other words, be covers it all.

trio's pianist, Gene Harris. will come as a revelation to those who remember him only as a member of a rather unexciting group called the Three Sounds in the early Sixties. And Harris's routines are unerringly underlined and italicized by a fine drummer. Mickey Roker.

Richard Williams

ROCK Eivis Costello and The Attractions Royalty Theatre

Talk about running with the hare and the hounds. Elvis Costello's "Spectacular Spinning Songbook" show on Tuesday lampooned the superficial, glittery milieu of the TV game show with exquisite irony while simultaneously milking the novelty values of such a format for all they were worth.

That the event was such a resounding success was due in large part to the affectionate. knowing rapport that Costallo, in his Napoleoo Dynamite persona, developed with the audience, plying a stock of ineffable cliches with quickwilled charm - "dreams do come true", he assured many participant

Guided by such a genuinely random theme. The Auractions were shown to be an uncannily flexible and versatile band, and Costello to be a performer with an un-rivalled presence of mind, The contribution of the Breaking off from a litany of the spianist, Gene Harris, cheerful platitudes to stack up lour randomly-chosen titles — "Miracle Man", "Shabby Doll", "Man Out Of Time", and "Clubland" — and immediately guide the group through them in a series of seamless segues was quite;

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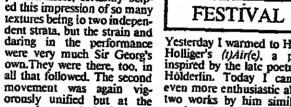
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Yesterday I warmed to Heinz Holliger's (t)Air(e), a piece inspired by the late poetry of Hölderlin. Today I can be even more enthusiastic about two works by him similarly motivated, and performed by tearing itself apart; even the third had tempestuousness the West German group Eosemble Modern in the last of their coocerts in this year's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. Unlike (t)Air(e), both Eisblumen [1975] and Ad Marginem (1984) are essentially static, essentially withdrawn in na-ture. Eisblumen in particular radiates an eerily eoticing, half-lit atmosphere, reflecting

ambivale oce of Hölderlin's schizopbrenic existence. And because the piece has no real barmonic motion its predominant mood is one of emotionlessness. Its emptioess is vast, overwhelming and beautiful.

Holliger has always been one to relish subtle timbres, and here he makes full use of the battery of effects available from quickening speed, of-fered gladly seized opportunities to solo woodwinds, to of seven horns who had been to his solo string ensemble. The same applies to Ad Marginem, where, bowever, he also has at his disposal a pair of flutes and clarinets and **Paul Griffiths** a tape. Here the objective of stillness and emptiness is attained gradually, the sounds conspiring to give a perfect silence, the extremes of register widening into imperceptibility. If Holliger can go on producing such music, he risks being remembered more as a

composer than as the superlative oboist he is. These works quite eclipsed Sandor Veress's deliberately ecliptic, over-long Orbis Tonorum; and even the effect of Klaus Huber's tough Remember G, in which the excellent solo double bassist was Thomas Fichter, was relatively ephemeral.

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Enter dirty Carmen making wolves' eyes An earthy Carmen with holes in her stockings is promised

at the Coliseum tonight as Sally Burgess sings Bizet's title role for the first time. Interview by Hilary Finch

With three new British productions in as many months, and with images from Peter Brook and Peter Hall ndelibly stamped oo the public imaginatioo, Carmen has become very much the producer's opera of the decade. But, despite a bealthy degree of speculation as to what David Pountney will have up his sleeve at the Coliseum tonight, atteotion this time is likely to be focused closely on Carmon berself, in the person of Sally Burgess.

Not so many years ago
Burgess was singing Micaela,
along with Adele, Violetta,

Pamina and Mimi. The voice began to wear trousers, and oescended a little further into the boots of Hoffmaon's Nicklaus, Orlofsky and Octavian. Last spring, in Leeds, the metamorphosis was complete. With an Amneris which dominated every Aida review, she took wing as a fully-fledged dramatic mezzo. As John Higgins observed on this page, she was "a singer moving on to a new and higher plane". "It was the Amneris," Burgess admits. "that taught me

to sing properly." But the change was not without trauma. About five years ago sbe reached the point where singing at the top of the voice became increasingly difficult.
"I couldn't understand what was going on. You can't see anything, or even hear any-thing yourself, and yet the voice is a part of you. And no one wants to talk about it." She sang more and more to try to work out what was happeoing — with near-disastrous effect. "Esther Salaman — who criect. Testher Saiaman — who is very motherly — spent a year taking me right back to the beginning. Then I spoke to Phyllis Cannan, who at that time was a mezzo turning into a soprano - we did a Beethoven Nine together, reversing the parts, and it was wonderful to be singing mezzo." Cannan recommended Josephine Veasey (ENO's voice consultant, and a formidable Carmen in ber time), who did

the rest. Carmen, marginally lower than Amneris, should now fit the voice like a glove. What is more, Burgess has had a full three months to work on it uninterrupted - something she insists on. Her approach is mentally methodical, physically robust. She found her-



self landed with the new Anthony Burgess translation, recently premiered at Scottish Opera. "He's put his stamp on what he thinks Carmen is like, and I objected to that initially. But it happens to ue in with what David wants. His idea is to go back to the Carmen of Prosper Merimée who is. of course, seen through the eyes of Don José. She couldn't possibly be the Teresa Berganza type of good girl, working in a factory to send money home to ner mother. She has wolves' eyes; she has holes in her stockings; there's all the roughness, carthiness. dirtiness even, of the Carmen Bizet was unable to present to the opera-going public of his

Burgess, who has just clattered down the stairs two at a time, whistling loudly, to fetch coffee in thick, hand-painted Portuguese cups, is not likely to be fenced in even by this much directorial specificity. The character is open to any interpretation, simply because its essence is freeedom. Carmen does what she likes from one situation to the next - almost as it she has no

memory." Improvisation? Working with David Freeman in Akhnaren had a liberatung effect on Burgess, and this already highly physical per-former has now been working it all our through flamenco as well.
"I found a lady called Maria

Rosa who does cabaret and restaurant dan ing in London. You have to go down, down not up on your toes - down into the floor with a lot of stamping. I love it." For Burgess, it is yet another way deep down into character, and that is what interests her most. I loved Zerlina - there are so many possibilities in her character - but soprano roles tended to be a bit bland for

Berlioz's Dido in The Trojans for Opera North next year should provide stronger stuff; she has her eyes set on Saint-Saens's Dalita at some stage: and "I can't wait for Eboh! For me there's nothing like Verdi. I need long long music. But you have to get those Bs and hold them on for a long

Verde and his princesses wait patiently in line.

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SPECTRUM

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rt 4: Science and he storehouse

ben Europe's granaries are bulging with grain and its dairies brimming with milk and butter, ould scientists continue to new varieties of high yieldonder-wheat and super-cows produce more milk?

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ritains grow, but the research

on - for the present. Michael Jopling, Minister for griculture, recently paid tribute the success of agricultural technology in increasing yields. But he warned: "To apply science in a constructive and coordinated manner it is occessary to stand further back and to take a wider Shortly after his address cuit of £20 million in agricultural research and development were disclosed in a Government White

Scientists, however, would argue that the surpluses may not last for ever. The next generation may be grateful for the advances being made oow, many of them designed to reduce the costs of the

At an agricultural research centre in the beart of Bedfordshire, a giant machine is towed to the fields. Known as a variable height gantry it can span almost 40ft of land and is designed to replace the tractor. The final version will be a robot-controlled multi-purpose device to carry out all the jobs, from sowing to tending (like spraying and weeding) and harvesting a crop eveo in

At the same research centre, a

While Europe's food surpluses grow ever greater, robots are taking to the land, cows are milking themselves, and science is finding

many other ways to increase productivity

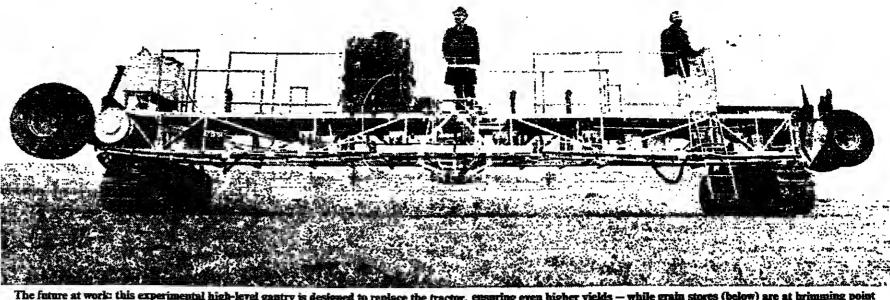
machine has been developed that will enable acow, feeling the need to be milked, to meander to a corner of its field — and milk itself. Nn human hand will be involved; the cow's yield will be higher than befure; and the husbandry costs to a small farmer will be reduced.

In Edinburgh scientists are also working on ways to breed cows which give higher yields. The latest innovations could double output again. Demand for milk, meanwhile, remains static. The main components of milk

are proteins, butterfat and lactose. One of the oew foodstuffs being developed at the National Institute for Research io Dairying at Reading is a substitute for egg made by extracting whey-proteins. It has already been used as an ngredient in aogel cake.

Purified lactose costs about £450 a tonne. The market is saturated, but a biotechnological process of fermentation is being developed to coovert it to lactic acid, which is worth over £2,000 a tonne and is widely used in the food industry for its flavour and preservative properties.





The future at work: this experimental high-level gantry is designed to replace the tractor, ensuring even higher yields

Meanwhile, at the Plant Breeding Institute at Cambridge, Juhn Bingham examines his latest wheat hybrid, called Rendezvius. He is one of the world's most successful plant breeders and within the next few weeks he will learn whether 12 years of pains-taking research is about to pay

If the the National Trials List, official guide to farmers of a new superior variety of seed, accepts his strain his judgement in choos-ing Rendezvous as the best of mure than 1,000 hybrids, created by his team more than a decade ago, will be vindicated.

The choice followed an exacting process of selection, which at one stage involves growing more than 20 million plants.

- nhn Bingham says there are 100 reasons to breed new varieties: bigher yields, more flavoursome fruits, hardier plants, grain with the best properties for bread-making are a few. Rendezvaus was born when spores of the wild Mediterranean goat grass were crossed with a winter wheat by hand pollination, using camel hair brushes.

The alien, coarse variety of Mediterranean grass holds the answer in a spreading plague for the cereal farmer, eyespot. It is a devastating disease which fun-gicides are failing to control.

Breeding is a combination of art, science and extraordinary patience. At Cambridge, the plant breeder is backed by a team of cytogeneticists, who ideotify poteotially useful genes in wild plants, and plant pathologists, xperts io the way diseases spread through crops.

There are on short cuts to new varieties. Eveo when the new techniques of geoetic engineering become useful, it will still take about 10 years to get a orw seed into the hands of the farmer.

The achievements of the Plant Breeding Institute, which is about to be privatized, are considerable. Its varieties account for 80 per cent of the winter wheat grown in Britain, and the UK yield of 7 tonnes a hectare compares with 2.5 tonnes in the United States.

Improving the protein content of British wheat needed for breadmaking has cut imports of North American varieties from 70 per cent to about 30 per cent. In addition to wheat, each year oew strains of cereals, potatoes, brassicas and legumes are created. As the grain mountain grows As the grain mountain grows, the seedstock an which agriculture for the 1990s will depend is

already germinating.



Money in the mountains

Last year, a Scottish grain com-pany quietly picked up well over half a million pounds of taxpayers' money for simply looking after barley it did not grow ... a har-vest nobody wanted to buy.

Intervention is the name of the game and, as the EEC grapples with a problem that threatens to bankrupt its entire farm policy, the Edinburgh firm of Philip Wilson Corn Factors has become the nocrowned king of Britain's grain

Basically, intervention is the support system that enables farmers to sell surplus stocks to the EEC at guaranteed prices. Result: ever-growing mountains of cereals, butter, beef and milk. Agriculture minister John Gunmer has put the price of storing and disposing of the European surpluses at £7.3 billion in 1935. "It is not," he concedes, "a sensible way to spend

Nearly six million tonnes of wheat and barley, worth £666 million, were being stored in Britain by the end of last year, plus

2400 million of batter and £160 million of beet carcasses.

The taxpayers' ill-wind, however, has been blowing Philip Wilson some good. Latest figures

Intervention — or buying in goods and

storing them — can mean fat profits...

from the Intervention Board for Agriculture Produce, the Readingbased organization responsible for overseeing the Community's sur-plus buy-in in Britain, reveal 96,684 tonnes of burley in store at Dues, a small farming town near

Berwick-upon-Tweed. Almost 80,000 tonnes of this is in the four large barns erected on Philip Wilson's 10-acre site. It store of surplus grain.

The company's chauman and managing director, David Scott, refutes charges that the company is making hay at the taxpayers' expense. The system of intervention may be wrong but the cost controls are very effective nebody is making a fortune out of it," he says.

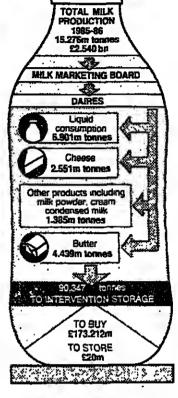
Although the Commons Public Accounts Committee puts the annual cost of storing surplus

cereal at £37 a tonne, Mr Scott says that those actually looking after the grain get less than £10. And he points out that barns can be abruptly emptied when cus-tamers are found. "If barley is taken out of your store in, say, October, then it is going to stand empty until the following harvest," Scott says.

"Looking after intervention stock is an expensive business. The buildings are very costly, there are rates to pay and there are staff and equipment costs. I wouldn't like to hang my hat on intervention. We regard it as little more than a temporary phenomenon on the farming scene."

The Intervention Board advertises every quantity of grain that needs a home and awards contracts for up to a year to the lowest tender. Exactly how much goes to whom, and for what, remains a secret. The storers maintain they cannot say; the Intervention Board gives nothing but generalized figures.

The Government, however, has estimated that it would cost almost £72.5 million to store surplus cereals this year, plus another £38 million for beef, butter and skimmed milk.



HOW THE DAIRY

CHAIN WORKS

 Britain is a relatively small contributor to the dairy mountain. For example 44 per cent of the milk wa produce is drunk in Inquid form compared with only 11 per cent in Germany and 9 per cent in France. In France 49 per cent of total milk production goes to butter making, compared with 46 per cent in West Germany and 29 per cent in the UK.

• in 1985 90.347 tonnes of British butter was sold into intervention storage, which is only a tiny fraction (less than 1/150th) of total milk production. Nevertheless it cost £173,212,000 to buy million to store.

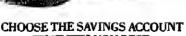
complicated by the fact that the UK is a net importer of butter. Last year it imported 139,000 tonnes, of which 78,000 tonnes were from New Zealand under quota agreement. But for this it would not have been necessary to sell any butter into intervention eithough, ironically, the dairy companies often prefer to do so as they get a better price from the intervention board than they do on the open market.

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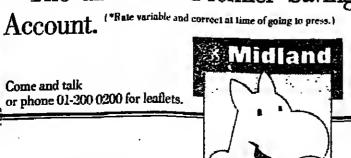
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The unhealthy subsidy

How the EEC is throwing good

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major illnesses and causes of death (including cancers and heart disease) could be reduced if we ate less fat, less sugar and more fibre.
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 Sugar: Having little or no nutritional value beyond the calories it supplies, sugar is associated with tooth decay, obesity and mainutrition.
Uoder the CAP the EEC has
expanded its production of
sugar beet to almost half as much again as the actual demand, which has been static or falling since the early 1960s.

• Cereals: Nutritinnists see advaotages io increased consumption of fibre-rich carbabydrates, such as wholemeal bread but the strict quality requirements applied to the CAP cereal regime encourage the production of highly processed white flours, oot wholegrain. Quality is defined in terms of performance in mechanized breadmaking processes, where white dough is easier to

Dairy fat: Almost a third of the CAP budget is spent on the dairy sector. High support prices have led to chronic

> Times reporting team: John Young, Richard Owen, Pearce Wright, David Sapsted. Robin Young



averproduction - about 13 per cent despite the introduc-tion of quotas. The Communi-ty has relied beavily on subsidized exports to con-EEC countries, but some schemes to encourage EEC consumption are nutritionally perverse. The Community may subsidize milk consumption in schools, but this ap-plies only to whole and semiskimmed milk, not the (healthiest) skimmed kind. Subsidized sales of butter and

cheese to hospitals and charitable institutions actively promote an inappropriate diet, as do subsidized sales of concentrated butter to cake, biscuit, ice cream and confectionery manufacturers.

Generally the EEC chooses to subsidize for buman consumption the dairy product with the highest fat content (butter), while skimmed milk products go mainly for animal feed. The European Commission does, however. Commission does, however, propose to use some of the 1.3 million tonne European butter mountain (which has laready received a subsidy from the

consumer) to feed cows in order to produce more condized butter which will go to feed . . . Medical opinion supports

an increase in the ratin of polyunsaturated fats (as in some vegetable margarines).
The Commission, conversely, is considering the introductioo of an oils and fats tax, to encourage the consumption of butter at the expense of margarine.

• Meat: Dietary advice sug-

gests that chicken, turkey and other poultry is better for us than fattier red meat. The CAP gives most support to beef and veal. This keeps their prices artificially high - but poultry prices are also influenced by the high cost of cereals under the CAP support system, making one source of lean protein more expensive.

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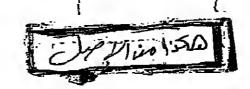
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She is, in her quiet way, the most influential and feared person in the White House. Tenacious, proud, single-minded, jealously protective of her husband, Mrs Nancy Reagan has emerged in the past six years as a formidable political operator in her own right, a woman whose role in guiding the president, setting his priorities and choosing his associates has made her an indispensible half of a devoted partnership.

President Reagan's most energetic cheerleader, she keeps herself resolutely behind the scenes so that the glory may shine more brightly on him. But at times of crisis, like now, she emerges with an authority and decisiveness that the White House staff disregard at their peril. It is Mrs Reagan who can tilt the balance between squabbling factions, Mrs Reagan who marks down the incompetent or the boastful, Mrs Reagan who prompts the dismissal of those who do not serve the President in the way she thinks best.

How much her pressure led to the resignation on Tuesday of John Poindexter, the National Security Adviser, is unclear. But other senior officials such as George Shultz, the Secretary of State, or Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff, must oow be reflecting nervously on a commentator's recent cruel epi-

thet, "the smiling mamba." Mrs Reagan is accustomed to the limelight. The daughter of an actress, she became one herself and featured in II films over seven years before moving into television. For eight years she was the First Lady of California, and appeared at all the ceremonial functions with her husband, Governor Reagan. California remains the couple's favourite retreat and yesterday they flew there - as for every other holiday - to spend the Thanksgiving weekend at their

NANCY REAGAN

Mrs Reagan is an intensely shy, ervous and private person. She is ill at ease in a crowd and ates with an exaggerated fixed smile, staring eyes and an awkward fidgeting with her hands. She seems lost without her husband beside her. When he returned from the Iceland summit — a trip on which, unusually, she did not accompany him — the whole of America saw her at the foot of the aircraft steps, jumping up and down with excitement as he came down to embrace her.

She has made several broad-casts, either about her own life or to reinforce her anti-drug crusade to get young Americans to "just say no." But she appears strained and unforthcoming. It was only when she made a joint broadcast with the President that she exuded

er shyness goes back, perhaps, to her child-hood, which was un-Francis Robbins in New York city either 63 or 65 years ago (the muddle over her real age has never been resolved), she was a lonely girl, whose mother was often working and whose father, a car salesman, was absent. When she was two, her mother sent her to The first security she knew came when Dr Loyal Davis married her mother and adopted her, changing

Her entry into political life was not easy. She was not a political person. Diminutive and pretty, her interests were in fashion and money, and the gossip of the wealthy, socialite circle she came from in southern California, where she met Ronald. But she quickly identified her new role,

when they moved into the governor's mansion in Sacremento: it was to protect the privacy of "Ronnie," and their life together. "My life began with Ronnie", she used to say. "My life began when I got married." But gradually her role widened;

protecting him also meant protecting him politically. And for that, she had to immerse herself in his world of politics. "I think I'm aware of people who are trying to take advantage of my husband, who are trying to end-run him, lots of times, who are trying to use him," she has said. "I'm very aware of that. All my little antennas go up."

Several White House figures have felt her enmity. She was active in ousting former Secretary of State Alexander Haig and former national security adviser William Clark from the cabinet, and it is strongly rumoured that she would like to see Donald Regan go as well. She has sided with moderates against hard-line conservatives. But like Lady Macbeth, she has had to steel her husband's resolve when there has been a need to take the tough decisions on sacking people; often he refuses to. Reagan is not the sort of person to voice criticism of

subordinate's performance di-

rectly. But he might repeat it to Mrs Reagan, and she will then telephone the hapless individual

and pass on the message.

When she is angry or upset, she retreats into a shell, sometimes refusing to speak to people for days. She has known wounding public criticism, right from her arrival at the White House, her mannerisms, her apparent frivol-ity and her rich friends. They called her "Queen Nancy", mocked all her dresses and criticised her expensive refurbishing of the White House at a time of

dvisers steered Mrs Reagan into taking a more active role in social issues and her discovery of the drug crisis has given her a real role, an image of compassion and a visibility that has sent her popularity soaring. She has taken her crusade all over the world, separating from her husband oo his Asian tour to press home the message. It has made her more adept at public relations, and she even conducts some press brief-

ings on her own. Her influence has often extended beyond personnel to her husband's policies. She is thought to be one of the driving forces that moderated his anti-Soviet rhetoric so that he could pursue arms control agreements with the Soviets. She is keenly aware of public opinion, and saw that the Democrats would make much in the 1984 election of her husband's failure to meet a Soviet leader or seek agreement. On one famous occasion even Andrei Gromyko, the grim-faced former Soviet forminister, turned to her for help, asking that she whisper "peace" in the President's ear last thing every night.

Michael Reagan, the president's eldest son by his first marriage to the actress Jane Wyman - said BIOGRAPHY 1921: Born Ann Francis Robbins, New York, though she has claimed it was 1940s: Became Hollywood starlet. Later helped by Reagan, as president of Screen Actors' Guild, after ahe "communists" in McCarthy 1952: Married Reagan -already pregnant with first 1958: Son, Ron jnr. 1981: Reagans move into White House, "Queen Nancy" row breaks, to which sha responds: "a crown would apoil my nair." 1981: Represents President at Prince Charles wedding. 1982: Launches "just say no" anti-drugs campaign.

his father would not have reached the White House but for Mrs Reagan. Once installed, he has leaned on her for support in all the critical moments: after the 1981 asssassination attempt during his cancer operation last year, and of course oow, when his pulitical fortunes, his hick and his famed communications skills all seem to have deserted him

The first lady has grown more confident in her role as con-fidante, and is able to comfort and

advise her husband, who despite a superficial gregariousness is really an aloof man with few close friends. Nevertheless, despite her concern to be the lynchpin of her family, she has not always got on well with her children. They find her too jealously protective of their father. Her daughter Patti wrote a devastating book which depicted her mother as cold and calculating.

And there was considerable straio with Michael Reagan's fam-

ilv. In a televisioo profile of Mrs Reagan, Michael says of Nancy's relationship with the President: "She's watched oot for him, she's taken care of him, she's taken care of the details, she's worried, worried, and worried for him. And it's because of that, that they are both where they are today." No one in the White House, or indeed

Michael Binyon

America, underestimates Mrs

Do-it-yourself homes fit for the Prince

How the inner-city project that today inspires a new Royal

initiative is making builders of mothers

architect, sits at a drawing board in a Stirling tenement She works to a background of whirling drills and changing cement mixers. At her feet is a roll of electrical wire, a few inches from her head stands a stopcock. Around her, unemployed people, single par-ents, the low paid, are working to realize a dream, making oew homes in the decayed centre of Scotland's industrial

It is all a long way from a theatre in the West End of London, but the physical distance is deceptive; in other ways, the Colquboun Street tenement and the Astoria Theatre are at one with each

Today at the Astoria, Prince Charles launches the Inner City Trust and its fund-raising arm, Inner City Aid - and the Colquinous Street project is a prime realization of his refurbishment vision.

The project was organized by Rod Hackney, Prince Charles's architectural advisor. Hackney was asked by Stirling district council in 1984 to take a look at a tenement built in 1902 and boarded up 15 years ago after it was condemned. With a long waiting list for homes, the council felt that something had to be done to house young people and the low paid.

Hackney's team was able to design nine new houses and 27 small flats, funded by the council and two local building societies. The new householders will have mortgages of between £10,000 and £12,000. The two and three-bedroom uses will be worth in excess. bedroomed flats up to £20,000.

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Colquhoun Street last month and told the members of the project that he was "im-mensely impressed" by their scheme. The project members were themselves impressed by the Prince's enthusiasm. Genevieve Jones lives on

the site and she is on call to the self-builders from 8am to 11pm. Living on the job

'It's amazing what you can do when you have no roof'

means constant reappraisal and redesign, making the flats meet the demands of their future owners. Every few minutes a mud-spattered selfbuilder emerges from the rain wanting anything from advice to a cup of tea. If Genevieve— Gen to her "clients" - thinks a little more dedication to finishing the job is needed she is quick to cajole: "You could be finished for Christmas". she told one young man who

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the tenement. Now that the

work is well on, everyone is in their own space choosing bathrooms and kitchens and

Anne Bailey, a single parent with a 16-year-old daughter— they live in bed and breakfast accomodation—was one of

the first to be accepted to refurbish a tenement flat. She

has been repointing internal hrickwork, hammeriog plasterboard to walls and replacing lintels. The only

work she and the other project

members have not done them-selves has been the electrical

"It is amazing what you can do when you have no roof over your head, as was the case when I started", said

Anne, who comes from Stir

ling originally but had been away for an years until she split up from her husband.

"It is a marvellous schem

and the Inner City Trust needs

to fund more projects like it.
I've made a lot of good
friends", said Anne, who now

works as a clerical officer in a

Unemployed diesel fitter Maurice Brown, aged 23, has almost finished his one-bed-

room flat. He decided to keep

the old pine doors of the original building and has

stained the skirting boards

with mahogany varnish. The bathroom has walls and ceil-

ing of impressively tongued and grooved pine - all done

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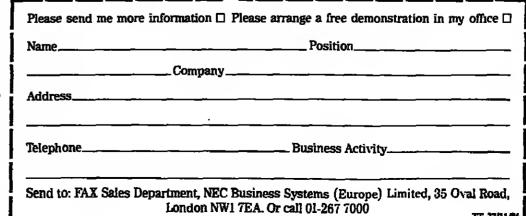
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the greens and the green-fingered, with the publicafingered, with the publication of the first volume of These reflected the unevennesses of The Journals of Gilbert his own existence, the "scambling white, the raw material for The rantipole life" that Mulso envied. It is heartening to find White so is heartening to find White so Natural History of Selborne, hard on the heels of Richard Mabey's fine biography. Together these books alter one's view of White decisively, destroying the old image of sweet, equable recluse, the Moldy Warp the Mole of English Literature, and replacing it with someone much more edgy and neurotic, and in some ways quite astonishingly modern in

his outlook. Perhaps Richard Mabey goes a httle far in claiming Gilbert White as the father of ecology. But he had a modern ecologist's quiet passion for the pattern of the landscape and the complicated built-in balances of nature, and that stubborness one sees now in the new environmentalists walking around London in their Natural Shoe Co. footwear. He was certainly an early Real Food fanatic, with his love of nuts and salads, subtle textures, intense flavours. His fastidious Eighteenth-Century aesthetic, both of culinary nature and nature in the landscape, links him in a sense that is revealing and surprising with the present day exponents of cuisine nature.

He supported the erratic. It became his great fixation: "I never see a Spot which hes much out of Levele but I think of you", wrote White's great friend John Mulso, Mulso, an the Hampshire village, hemmed in old Oxford friend and a co-clergy-literally and symbolically by the man, whose life-long correspon- network of deep gouged out lanes, dence with White is one of Richard surrounding Selborne. But once

David Arkell, billed in the blurb as "the noted literary sleuth", sums up the life of

Alain-Fournier (1886-1914) in

a sentence: he was "a country

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fills out the picture with a similar economy in his short, sharp biography, the first in English. The best-seller was Le Grand Meanines, published

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his is a good week both for recognized and liked the fact that the greens and the green-Gilbert White was so inspired by the relationship with Selborne itself was fairly casual. His recordings are in fact fantastically unmethodical, ebb-ing and flowing with the onrush of

> Actually, he is almost always mad about the melon. There is something about melons that unfailingly delights him. He also loves the cucumber; but melons are his favourite, and from the very early entries in his journals, in the Garden Kalendar of the 1750s, the most enthralling references are all those to the melons, which in their exotic, rarefied, grotesque appearance and the feats of horticulture entailed in their production are the epitome of Eighteenth-Century taste. There are few directly personal comments in White's journals. The formula is mostly quasi-scientific. But a strong sense of his character, obsessive, tense, and sensuous, breaks through in the accounts of the Selborne melon mania. He constructs hot beds for melons; piles on dung; plants and transplants them. Cuts them; eats them carefully. Makes judgments. Saves the seed.

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could branch out from. And in rather the same way he embraced the formal framework of the scientific journal only to break free of it. In 1768, he began compiling *The* Naturalist's Journal, a standardized diary for the scientific gentleman. But soon his observations overflowed pre-ordained columns, and he then began inserting his own blank pages too. White makes one reconsider the whole function of a diary as one watches the entries in his journals filling out and acquiring their own rhythm and conviction.

way of getting through.

"Hirundo domestica!!!" He uses exclamation marks for things that really thrill him like, every year, the reappearance of the swallow. Of all creatures he finds birds the most amusing and mysterious, and birds inspire his closest and fondest observations, the acutest of his insights. Richard Mabey argues that White is less important for his formal scientific observations, dence with White is one of Richard surrounding Selborne. But once though these in themselves are by no Mahey's most Falsable sources, there Selborne turned into a place he interest negligible, than for this very

The sheer scale of Gladstone's

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White is a man of instinct. He studies instruct avidly, marvelling ad infinitum about birds' migration patterns. His observational methods, his unorthodox attentiveness to very smallest details of animal behaviour, are shot through with emotion.

e is genuinely, transparently, keen on living creatures, even if after dissection they arrive on his own dinner table; and it is his serious longing to find echoes and connections which makes White appear so much in tune with people now. One of the great treats of Mabey's book is turning tables and scrutinizing White, early on a displaced person, insecure and very looely, emerging as one of the leaders of his circle, with his own definite role in the small world of horticulture, swapping seeds, exchanging anecdotes on how the sea kale grows. Some biographies work well because the people who have written

them are different from their subject; some the opposite. Richard Mabey is an argument for the kindred spirit. He has had a deep rapport with White the man and with White's countryside. He has done his fieldwork with a manic assiduity, tramping Selborne's sunken lanes, and exploring in great detail White's dense, luxuriant, and muddled English landscape. He has eaten of the meion, and it shows.

Anyway he passes with an extreme rapidity that ultimate test of good literary hiography. He leaves the reader desperate to get back to the original; and the newly-published Journals, less worked over than the History, are the closest to the basic Gilbert White one can approach. They are excellently edited and indexed, and to a generation so much inclined to wallow in Edwardian Gentlewoman's Garden reminiscence Gilbert White's observations are startling in their purity. There is oo oostalgia in his view of nature.

In these circumstances how odd, and how mistaken, to have designed this book to be a visual pastiche.

politics could be a godly pursuit at the personal level

(in refutation of Palmerston

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Will Russia ever be free? Maybe never

Only one form of retribution is visited upon an executioner, Vasily Grossman observes. being." To make this spiritual death seem a worse slavery than the suffering of those behind barbed wire is one of the many triumphs of this short, poignant novel. It re-mains hard to see how Grossman could have begun Forever Flowing in 1955 in Russia with any hope of ever

seeing it published.
Without the bage canvas of his masterpiece Life and Fate, this novel is a series of sketches linked only by the return of Ivan from 30 years in change he sees in his friends is as appalling as any of the horrors he has survived. among those he meets are bose who have been scared. into treachery; others whose eavy and greed led them to rejoice as the Stalinist campaign against

light demoted; and others still who accepted what was happening with wilful blindness. "It was very hard to go about one's work knowing that pro-fessors and academicians had turned out to be assassins." Some of the most unnerving scenes in the novel describe Kulaks dragged off their land on foot through mud so deep it dragged their boots off; or whole familes of them left to die of starvation with their children's thin faces looking like dead birds.

In most of those who es-caped such horrors Ivan found a submissive hypocrisy, which made them as much a prisoner of their own fears as any brutality could have made them. The book is not only a catalogue of human evil, however. There are people who remain tender and gentle egainst all reason; mcomplaining, religious spirits who accept the worst that can be done to human beings without losing their feeling for those around them. Their love has a Dostoevskian nobility. Yet Grossman explicitly recog-nizes, even as he delineates their behaviour, the fatal link between the very beauty of the Russian soul which accepted and the equally ready accep-tance of this world's flavour-ing. In this, his last book, Grossman asks his most despairing question: "When will Russia ever be free? Perhaps

Writers in the West usually confront different issues; and many of us will feel more at home with Ms Schaeffer's elegant New York wit. The Injured Party draws a faciny, frank portrait of an obsession al woman writer whose work habits would worry any has-band. "Suppose she began an enormously long book? Would she stay in the house for two years? Would she never wear

FICTION

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anything but the hine kimono?" Iris's ordinary be-haviour is modified by a spell in bospital into the altogether surreal. She takes to her bed stops talking even to her children, and watches the days go by, staring out of the window at trees and sky while the rest of the household revolves around her.
In this total withdrawal, she

remains indifferent to all claims upon her, until a lover from 20 years back, who had once declared his inability to love her, turns up at her door stricken by a mortal illness and bereaved of both wife and family. Iris's husband, bemused by his inability to cope with his wife's condition, allows the man to move into the family home in the hope that his presence will at least restore to his wife some wish for communication. His plan succeeds rather better than be hoped. About human relationships at once absurd and edgy, Ms Schaeffer is both humane and wise. Yet the effect of the novel, finally, is close to hallucination, for all the accurate dialogue and precise ob-servation of place and weather.

Something in the story itself has the feel of a fairy tale. Moravia has always been a subtle master of the erotic in all its perversity. Yet this fastidiously clever study of a son's perennial rivalry with his bed-ridden but still potent father is carloasly uninvolving. We are made helplessly into voyeurs ourselves by Moravia's insistence events to come before the parrator discovers them. There is no surprise in finding out either the true reason for his wife's leaving home or the name of her lover, once a childhood memory of parental love-making has been put together with the wife's description of her own sexual behaviour. Perhaps the novel would have made more sease if it had turned out to be only fantasy, or even, as the poem of Baudelaire so loved by the narrator and given body in the real world, almost supernatural. But Moravia's intentions

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of the diary. They do demand a good deal of previous know-ledge of mid-Victorian politics - they are preferably to be read alongside Richard Shannon's biography, of which we eagerly await the second volume; but it was an excellent idea to bring them together in a form accessible to the general reader. Within quite a short compass they form an extraordinarily comprehensive commentary on Gladstone's life and thought, truth either a conventional fucidly explicating the almost overpowering religious, mora reprint - slightly reordered al, and philosophical preoccu-and with two additional chap-pations which he transmuted



The conviction politician who saw it as a moral issue

Though a supreme politician who enjoyed the game as much as anyone, Gladstone's political purposes were above all religious. Wisety dissuaded by his father from the clerical career he felt he ought to have followed, he devoted his life instead first to proving that humbling.

taxation, he largely achieved. He conceived of his accession to the Premiership in 1868 as the culmination of this process, oot as a new beginning Such was the inexhaustible fertility of his mind, however, that his mid-century Liberal synthesis contained the seeds of future developments that he could not have dreamed of He himself actually retired for the first time in 1874, yet was still Prime Minister twenty years later. And all the time he was reading and writing prodi-

giously, walking great dis-tances, felling trees and

translating Homer, praying strenuously, fathering nine children, "rescuing" prostitutes without fear of ridicule or exposure, and scourging himself afterwards for his sins Just thinking about Gladstone is for a modern reader deeply

Amateur 8th Army before Monty

Since Field Marshal Lord Carver wrote his Tobruk and El Alamein in the 1960s, much has been published London's suburbia, seeing the streets of ordinary Victorian villas as rows of little chiabout the Desert War. Unfortunately, most of the authors have been over-influenced by the disastrous battles of Gazalla in the summer of 1942

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paign, and not just the battles of Gazalla. The seeds of that disaster were sown by Wavell and watered by Auchinleck before Ritchie took over 8th Army: Dilemmas of the Desert

whole campaign, based on a

Diaries, and concentrates on Mike Carver's conclusions

do not flatter the British Army. There was no lack of intention at the top to impose a directing intelligence and will: the trouble was the machine was not capable of producing the results demanded of it." In short, British military amatéurism was no match for German profession-alism until Montgomery, the professional and a much less likeable man, took over.

has been franker about them than he could be in his earlier books. They were not supermen, but were no better or worse than those who succeeded them. It takes time and many hitter lessons to create a professional army, If Moot-

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It would be nice to record that the Field Marshal's study Commander only in name: in

Books for Christmas

In The Times on Saturday our critics will pick the books they enjoyed most during the year, from fiction to poetry. and biography to thrillers; there will be round-ups of the jolliest books of the year on wine and wit, and for children

killed in World War I; one of Edited and translated the great and justly famous novels of adolescence, it has byW.J. Strachan been translated into more than thirty languages. The famous actress was Simone Casimirdress party in a magical Perier - but she was not the châtean in the woods. The dream-girl in the lost domain spiration for the hamsting Yvonne in Le Grand was the girl be saw in Paris, and the chateau was a real one When he was 18 Fournier in his native Sologne. But the spotted a slim blonde girl in a Paris -street, followed her, mysterious party was inspired by two garden fêtes attended spoke to her and, until his by young Fournier during his London summer: a Congrega-tional Church fête and flowerdeath at 27, remained obsessed by his vision of her. He was a virtuoso in nostalgia. The unattainable person, or show, and the sports-day and dance organized the place he had just left, was Sanderson's social clab. Never always perfection. Later in the before can such resolutely year that he saw his Yvonne, Anglo-Saxon entertainment have been transformed into such delicately Gallic fautasy. It's wonderful what imagina-

spent three months in England; on the point of returning home, he wrote: "Nothing will stop my craving for their tea... When I'm back heme, you'll see, I'll love everything in England twice as His time in England was, on the face of it, anglamorous. He was working for Sanderson's, teaux. He was less eachanted by the unspeakable and insuf-

the wallpaper people, at their factory in Turuham. Green, translating letters in the export department. He lodged in Chiswick with the family of Mr. Nichtiment, the contrasts. Mr Nightingale, the company secretary. W.J. Strachan has collected and translated the letters he wrote home. Aficioandos of Le Grand Meanines can see the germ of a muster plece growing in his literary letters; another pleasure is to glimpse London in 1905 through the eyes of a young

Worse still, Eaglish girls were no corsets, which gave them "a loose, floppy look", according to Strachan's translation. In his chapter on the Loadon visit, Arkell quotes the same letter; in this version made The unforgettable central episode in *Le Grand Meanines* is when a schoolboy, lost in the the lack of corsets made everything the girls were look too free and easy. Comparfreezing night, stambles upon the strange fête in the lost ing other renderings of Fournier's letters, it becomes rain - a children's imcy-

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the controversial judgements in John Connell's Auchinleck and Correlli Barnett's Desert Generals: neither of them has much good to say about General Sir Neil Ritchie, Montgomery's predecessor as Commander 8th Army, who was trounced by Rommel in

Neil Ritchie died in 1983. and his family presented his papers to the Imperial War Museum hoping, no doubt, that an author could be found to present his side of the story, which he had refused to do during his life time out of loyalty to Auchinleck. Who etter to undertake the task than Lord Carver, who fought in most of the desert battles as detailed study of the War gomery had been appointed to

William Jackson

so astonishingly into political

Libyan Campaign By Michael Carver

a commander or operational makes his judgements all the more important. But a vindication of Ritchie is only possible within the context of the whole cam-

War is a reassessment of the

what went wrong, why, and who was to hlame.

The author knew and served under most of the principal actors in the desert drama. All are now dead, so he

8th Army earlier he would probably have resolved some of the desert dilemmas, but he might equally well have been sacked for recalcitrance.

enhances Ritchie's reputation hut this is only partially so. He confirms the general view that he was a sound, straightfor-ward soldier, placed in an impossible position hy Auchinleck He was 8th Army reality he was charge d'affaires, not plenipotentiary. He should have demande freedom to command 8th Army in his own way or resigned. "But he was too decent, loyal and traditional a soldier to put his superior whom he liked and admired in such a difficult position High command in war de mands more ruthless qualities. Mootgomery had and



THE TIMES **DIARY**

United States this weekend on a

mission which could prove crucial

to Labour's hopes of returning to

power. As the election nears, the

Tories are emphasizing Kinnock's

lack of experience and Labour's

unilateralist defence policy. Both factors will be under close scrutiny

Kinnock's attempts so far to

build up his international (and

therefore his home) standing have

lent themselves easily to Tory

caricature. The Tebbit line goes:

he went to Greece and gave away

the Elgin marbles, he went to India

and gave away Britain's immigra-

tion laws; what would this man

not give away in his eagerness to

impress if he ever became prime

minister? Here is a man, the

implication goes, that you could not trust to stand eyeball to eyeball

with Gorbachov nr to ensure Britain's adequate defence.

Kinnock's last visit to the US

was not entirely successful. He

had a celebrated row with George

Shultz over Central America and

told the press that the usually equable Secretary of State had

"got out of his pram" - a remark later translated as "Mr Shultz had

departed from his normal dip-

Perhaps nn that occasion it

suited Kinnock's party needs to show his macho qualities in

dealing with the Americans. But

he must play a mnre sophisticated

game this time, since he is

presenting himself as a possible

Selling the Americans the no

tinn nf a nnn-nuclear Britain will

be almost impossible. Kinnock is

pledged in scrap Polaris, cancel

Trident and close down US nuclear bases in Britain. It would

be the most dramatic switch in

British policy for 40 years, the first

As reverberations of the Reagan

administration's adventure in

Iran continue to shake Wash-

ington, the punch-drunk leaders of

the Nicaraguan Contras must

wonder what further disasters can

overtake them. It is barely a week

since Eugene Hasenfus, the American gun-runner, was con-victed by a Sandinista court after a

trial that blew the cover off the

clandestine (possibly illegal) US network which had been supply-

ing them with much-needed arms and ammunition. That ainne was

enough to ensure that the newly

elected Democratic majority in both houses of Congress would

take a lot more convincing about

the wisdom of voting for further

financial asssistance to the rebels.

At the same time, although the

first instalments of the \$100 mil-

lion in US aid that President

Reagan won from Congress earlier

this year were at last beginning to flow, the Contras had to dem-onstrate their worth on the battle-

onstrate their work of the better field against a much superior enemy. When Sandinista forces began softening up their base camps in Honduras last munth,

morale slumped. In private, prominent Contra officials would con-

cede that they needed a good break

engulf the Reagan White House.

With the ignominious sacking of

the National Security Council's

Colonel Oliver North they have

lost a supreme fixer, the man at

the centre of a web of strategically

placed sympathizers who could

arrange an airdrop of Kalashnikov

rifles inside Nicaragua with a

Even worse, the President who

once hailed the Contras as "freedom fighters" in the heroic mould

of America's founding fathers is

today seen distancing himself from the murkier aspects of the

Nicaraguan operation with all possible haste.

So where do the Cnntras go

from here? That \$100 million is

not going to last long, especially if they really do intend to stand and

fight the Sandinista army (some-

thing which their most loyal US

advisers consider would be court-

Their leaders are wise enough to

understand that when the dust

finally settles on the Iranian

fiasco, their cause may well have

been damaged beyond repair. The

implications of that range far beyond official Washington, rais-

ing questions of deep concern to all Nicaragua's neighbours.

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couple of telephone calls.

What they got, instead, is the

as never before.

omatic calm".

prime minister.

throughout his trip.

Party lines

Are the Liberals imagining things? Simon Bryceson, deputy secretary eneral, tells me that the party's Whitehall HQ is getting crossed telephone lines to Conservative Central Office. For several weeks, he says, staff have been picking up their receivers only to find themselves party to conversations between Central Office and Tory constituency branches. All the more odd, if true, since the two headquarters are not on the same exchange. Bryceson hints darkly that some of the information he has picked up would embarrass the Tories if made public. Is a sympathizer at British Telecom playing dirty tricks, or are the Liberals the object of a hoax?

Riposte

Robert Maxwell is to publish an instant book on his libel victory over Private Eye called Malice in Wonderland. He is also bringing nut a one-off magazine called Not Private Eye, consisting of contributions by many who have suffered from Lord Gnome's hatchet men". Incredibly, the book looks as if it will be on the shelves by next week. A statement signed by "Not Lord Maxwell" said the magazine, out in two weeks' time, would sell for 50p. This is half the price of the Eye's special £1 glossy issue, which it hopes will raise funds to help pay the costs and damages of the trial. I wonder which will sell the most?

Unmerited

I would not have expected the old boy network to have much rele-. vance for the SDP, but perhaps I am mistaken. A candidate interviewed recently for the post of press officer was taken aback when MP lan Wrigglesworth, as an opener, barked "What's your school?". On hearing the answer (an obscure Catholic college, as it happens) Wrigglesworth appeared to lose all enthusiasm.

Overheard in the Commons: Clare Short and Tony Benn discussing Mrs Thatcher's recent claim that the Conservatives will destroy socialism within two de-cades. "Only if Neil Kinnock doesn't do it first," said Benn.

All-time Greats

Oxford University examiners remain more or less in tune with the trends of youth judging by this year's entrance examination general paper. One question concerned Bob Geldof's Live Aid and another asked candidates to consider the more profound implications of the Bruce Springsteen lyric "Is a dream a lie, if it don't true, or is it something worse? The question then asks: "Are our unfulfillable hopes and aspirations dishonest? If so, in what ways and to whom?" A tough one. Sixteen-year-old Sarah Lyons from Surbiton, who sat the exam this week, tells me she chose not to answer this question because "it was too abstract." A university spokeswoman points out that "it illustrates that philosophical problems crop up everywhere."

Déjà vu

Behind-the-scenes nail hiting on the first night of The Warmen at the Old Vic this week. Guest of hnnour for the 50th anniversary production of the Broadway comedy, which is about gossiping high society New York ladies, was the author, 83-year-old Clare Boothe Luce. Unfortunately she got stuck in the traffic and the start was delayed for 10 minutes. But the anxiety of production staff and cast — including Susannah York, Georgina Hale and Maria Aitken - was unfounded. "Ynu shouldn't have hnthered," said Mrs Luce on arriving. "I've seen it hundreds nf times already".

BARRY FANTONI



We've got Poindexter's number, amigo. It's in a Swiss bank'

Over their heads After meeting armadilios from Texas and Maoris from New Zealand at the World Travel Market in London this week, I bumped into a Korean tiger. Not the real thing, of course, but a boy in a furry orange and black striped suit named Hodori who is the official mascot for the 1988 Seoul Olympics. I thought there were no tigers in Korea. But Chang Hyo Kang, UK director of the South Korean tourist office, tells me there are plenty, although they are rarely seen because most hide in the no-man's land of the demilitarized zone. This long, nar-row strip separating North and South Korea has become, quite fortuitously, a wild life paradise.

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Kinnock's US conundrum Smooth talk or fighting stance on defence?

Robin Oakley, Political Editor,

spells out the Washington alternatives

decision to reverse a nuclear role.

Caspar Weinberger, the US
Defence Secretary, and his deputy, Richard Perle, angered Labour by launching an assault on that policy

at the time of this year's Labour conference, saying it would wreck Nato and lead to the US withdrawing into a Fortress America isolationism. Denis Healey denounced them for acting in collusion with the Tories. But when Kinnock tried to dismiss their intervention as having been disowned by the White House, Charles Price, the US ambassador, bluntly corrected him.

Kinnock's hope of seiling his policies at least to the Democrats has been dashed recently as those who have come to London to meet him have warned him with equal fervour that his policies would be catastrophic for the alliance and would sunder the transatiantic special relationship.

Few Americans follow British politics in detail, but as Kinnock appears nn TV chat shows and interviews over the next week they will be disappointed to find that the man they have vaguely heard of as a moderate battling to free his party from left-wing extremists is offering what they regard as a backward and left-wing defence

policy. So how does he hope to convince the Americans? Kinnock concedes that he will make few converts. But he does hope for an understanding of Labour's aims. He will argue that an impov-

time any Nato ally had taken the erished Britain has a choice between Trident or a proper conventional defence and that it makes much more sense to have the ability to counter a Warsaw Pact advance with sufficient conventional forces than to be committed to threatening a nuclear first strike which nobody

believes would be launched. Labour, he will say, is not abandoning defence but the unnecessary and unusable nuclear force in order to maximize nur conventinnal deterrent against a conventional war in Europe. Savings from Trident will go on more conventional arms.

Kinnock will have to answer some questions about Labour's plans. He says that he rejects America's nuclear umbrella. But Denis Healey says that as long as Britain remains in Nato we are protected against Soviet nuclear blackmail by the American deterrent is Kinnock only ruling out the first use of nuclear weapons on our behalf or is he ruling out their use in all circumstances?

If he is saying he wants nn nuclear shield for Britain's forces in Germany, is that not laying them open as a softer target than the rest for any Soviet advance?

What access would the US be given to their bases if it came to a war? Would he then relent, or surrender? What, by his definition, qualifies as a nuclear base: one with nuclear weapons stockpiled or one *capable* of use by nuclear-armed aircraft? Hnw Philip Jacobson on what the Colonel North

affair means for Reagan's chief crusade

Is the Contra

cause sunk

beyond saving?

A Contra on watch at a camp on the Honduras border. But

how many more anti-aircraft missiles will the US supply?

stronghold, they have some 15,000 men without a country who will

quickly would Labour insist on dismantling US nuclear bases? How much intelligence activity would still be permitted?

How soon would it be before Labour, under economic pressures, abandoned the present commitment to spend more on defence overall? How can Kinnock control the would-be neutralists in his party who want to take Britain out of Nato altogether, given that there will be a huge influx from the left if Labour wins enough seats to get into government? How would Nato remain united if Britain were to abandon its key nuclear role?.

Labour has been a little short of transatiantic contacts since the exodus to the SDP but John Gilbert, Dick Douglas, Bruce George and George Robertson, Labour's foreign affairs spokesmen, keep links open. Robertson, Rober Barry John, Kevin Macnamara and Martin O'Neil, who spent three weeks in the US last summer, have been among those dining at the US embassy and with visiting senators in recent weeks, feeding their reactions to the party

Americans will have noticed the inordinate amount of Kinnock's party conference speech this year devoted to an assault on US policies in Nicaragua and El Salvador, a clear swaying before the wind of Labour's anti-Ameri-

can streak. So if Kinnock, despite his charm, does have a hard time in America on this trip there is always the possibility of a reaction against American interference in British politics should Washington appear to be threatening dire consequences in the event of a Labour government. He might be ohliged to drop the charm and try the macho approach once again.

the Reagan administration pursue its offensive against the Sandinista regime? Hitherto the Contra supporters in Washington have been split. In the White House there was the belief that the rebels might one day actually overthrow the ruling comandantes, resulting in an acceptably pro-western gov-ernment. Other US officials involved with the programme saw the Contras as an extremely useful (and inexpensive) lever with which to exert the combination of which to exert the combination of military, economic and diplomatic pressure that would finally force the Sandinistas to mend their Marxist ways.

This second approach had the advantage of underlining the

Reagan administration's repeated public disavowal of deeper US involvement in Nicaragua, But one western ambassador in Honduras observes, "if you take the Contras out of the equation, all that's left are the various airfields the Americans have been breaking their necks to build here. You don't have to be a Sandinista supporter to wonder what hap-pens to all those runways pointing

Others wonder if there is still a possibility of direct intervention by the US. Back in March, President Reagan told Time magazine that despite his firm intention to keep American troops out of the conflict, "there might come a day when Sandinista acts would be directly against us . . . It would then be a case of protecting ourselves." Well before the Iran arms scandal erupted, there were experienced western diplomats in Central America who found themselves sharing the Sandinistas' concern that the President's apparent determination to excise the "cancer" in Nicaragua could produce some drastic action by the US before his term expires at

the end of 1987. None of this speculation will

at Nicaragua." He wondered if the US would now attempt to involve Honduras's own armed forces more directly in the struggle with its powerful neighbours.

interest Contra leaders as they grapple with the depressing imolications of the drama now unfolding in Washington. When it came to US aid, critics always accused them of being much more interested in padding their own bank accounts than in fighting. Fitting, perhaps, that the first nfficial comment from rebel headquarters nn this extraordinary affair should have been a complaint that for all the millions of dollars involved, they had nnly received "a trickle of the money."

Ronald Butt

Labour imposes a new taboo

Dr John Cunningham is usually seen as representing a considerable part of whatever future credibility the Labour Party may have. He is not a soft leftist turned moderate because that offers the only hope of electoral victory. Nor is he one of the old moderates who, to survive, have destroyed their credibility by suppressing their known dislike of leftist policies. Bred in Labour machine politics, he has been able to avoid any really staining compromises so far. He is even sensible about nuclear power, having the nuclear reprocessing workers of Sellafield

in his constituency. But this week he has replied to Tory ministers' attacks on Labour's intolerant hard left local anthurities by making a deeply irresponsible and socially dangerous statement. Echoing Neil Kinnock's condemnation of zealotry" as damaging to Labour's interest, and praising the majority of Labour local authorities, Cunningham added: "The smears of the last few days are contemptible, and not least because they contain an incipient racism, which is despicable.

How racism can be "incipient" rather than real or illusory must baffle anyone living in the real world, but afterwards Cunningham explained to the Guardian. He had meant that when Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Sec-retary, attacked hard left councils he had identified those with black leaders and especially large black populations. So now we know. Every other taboo may fall, but one overwhelming imperative takes their place. "Thou shalt not attack the politics of intolerance if anyone who is black is involved." However extremist a borough authority, its misdeeds must not be mentioned if there is a black leader (which there is in only three of the six or seven boroughs named by Ridley) or a large black

population. That seems to cover misdeeds which have nothing to do with race or racism. Thus, criticizing the performance of Lambeth's social services, Ridley cited some items from a recent full Lambeth council meeting, "Petition against the attendance of male councillors at meetings of Women's Rights Committee", "Address by Sinn Fein Councillors," and "Lesbians and Policing." Not unreasonably he added; "No wonder the services in Lambeth are in a mess. He rightly spoke too of people's reluctance to speak out for fear of what might happen to their families, though he did not mention Lambeth's 20 Hetero-sexism Awareness Training Courses (cost. £12,000) for rooting out the oppression" of assuming that

heterosexuality is the norm. None of these has anything to do with racism. Yet because Lambeth has a black leader, Ms Linda Bellos (who also happens to be a militant feminist, lesbian and

want peace. But I think the police are bent on war". Lord Scarman. impeccably liberal on matters concerned with race, has said (concerning Lambeth's boycott of the Community Police Consul-tative Communities): "It is a tragedy that extreme political views have prevailed in Lambeth Town Hall, views which are now supported, to some extent, by one of the major political parties in this country." What does that make Lord Scarman?

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Much the same applies to Brent, which Ridley also mentioned, and whose offences are not restricted to its "anti-racist" persecutions. And what of Haringey? Ridley spoke of the "homosexual propaganda" being fed to school-children and the way that parents protests are brushed aside. Cunningham is in a bit of a dilemma here since a great deal of the protest was from Asian parents who regard this teaching as flour-

ing their religious ethic. During Ridley's speech, Jack Strawasked from the Labour from bench why, if the authorities were that bad, they had been re-elected with increased majorities by black and white electors alike. Ridley's reply that some were elected by only 20 per cent is no answer. Why indeed do people return a party which so blatantly misrepresents them?

The gap between Labour's humouriess intellectual fanatics, including some so-called mod-erates, and ordinary people is vast. In the midst of incontinent verbiage of a pseudo-psychological kind in the debate on Aids last week, Leo Abse, observing that it was a "lamentable" fact that 40 per cent of people left school with no O levels, said they should be spoken to in "street language", which he went on to exemplify with relish by using probably the filthiest language ever heard in the Commons.

But while this may be the

language of the barrack room or the factory floor, where it is depersonalized and usually unrelated to the realities of sex, it is not the language that any decent working class man or woman uses or wishes to have used to their families. Abse, a master of the living cliché, wants to explode the Tunbridge Wells taboos. But these taboos, rooted in elementary good-sense and hygiene, are no less and perhaps more real to decent working-class people. So why do so many people vote

for a party which, in its humourless intolerance and oogus intellectualism, so ill represents them, a party, moreover, which offers them only dependency? The answer is simple. They vote for a brand name once associated with the defence of their collective interest in hard times when they felt exploited by those with power and money. We shall not have a healthy political society until the attachment to that brand name is a hard leftist), they are now unmentionable. One of Bellos's gems (not referred to by Ridley) was: "The people of Brixton only interests and their freedom. broken, and working-class people are convinced that other parties

Paul Pickering

Wising up to Christmas

My inclination to dive for cover white woolly beard and cheery red during Christmas party season was clearly shared by a girl at the first 1986 office thrash I attended the other evening. She was wearing a complete nuclear, biological and chemical warfare protective uniform. "My boy friend's at Sandhurst, it was his idea," she

giegled breathlessly, tearing off the gas mask. "Better safe than sorry." Soon after she passed out from heat exhaustion on a sofa. As a precaution it seemed a little excessive, but then all this Love, Peace on Earth and Goodwill can seriously damage your health and

Love, if we are to believe the scare statistics, will take more than its usual toll this year. That does not necessarily mean that the much-publicized grim reaper lurks behind the slinky black dress of pretty Mrs Spangle from Accounts or the sharp Hepworth suit of Mr Thrope from Marketing. But they

have good grounds to fear their customary Yuletide tryst behind the filing cabinets. So instead of going straight into their third-Liebfranmilch clinch, and their separate ways when the MD calls time, they are more likely to start agonizing about their respective states of health. An hour or two of such intimate earnestness can only have nne consequence: come June two broken homes in the suburbs, Mrs Spangle becomes Mrs Thrope and chaos reigns in Accounts.

While Love can end in the divorce court, Goodwill usually leads to the casualty ward. The scenario is grinly familiar. Mr Thrimble with the nervous twitch from Soft Toys has been passed over for promotion by bright Yuppie Mr G Khan. After a few drinks the more Mr Thrimble tries to exude a spirit of benign fellowship towards Mr G Khan the more he wants to murder him. Finally they crash in a hail of fists through a partition wall where the post room boys are sniffing typewriter correction fluid. Goodwill then causes the luckless inebriate who decides to chauffeur them to

hospital to lose his driving licence. But for a really seething atmosphere of hatred and distrust you have to await the arrival of Santa Claus. One thing is certain

about a man who dresses up in a

costume - he is deeply sick and twisted. At hospital parties Santa is always the surgeon with the highest on-table kill rate. Venal politicians, power-mad indus-trialists and psychopathic colonels love disguising themselves as the jolly old soul when they are the very last people you would let down your chimney or into a child's bedroom.

Publishing parties are usually packed with vicious Santas, all with East European accents and questionable pasts, doing their best to ensure that Peace on Earth will not ensue.

Nor will Peace on Earth be reflected in this year's decorative paraphernalia, Thanks to Chernobyl, East German mistletoe will probably glow in the dark and a bottle of Finnish cranberry sauce could provide sufficient illumination to go carol singing by. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer is so radioactively contaminated that, besides pulling Santa's sledge, experts at Sellafield believe he could provide the electricity needs of a small town; as long as no one fives there.

Perhaps they have the right idea in Liverpool and certain London boroughs such as Brent and Hackney where the office end-ofterm romp is being suppressed as racist and imperialist hy gangs of anti-Santas, or Santanistas. "Ba-sically what is really disgusting is the displaying of Odinist fascist symbols such as Christmas trees and Yule iogs," said War Against Xmas spokesperson Gloria Car-rion. "We want the so-called parties ended now and the money sent to Nicaragua via Iraq and the North Pole."

Quite apart from the danger of lightning Santanista raids there is the cheap plonk laced with antifreeze and the deadly smoked eci and sausages from the poisoned upper Rhine, not to mention the loud and lethal bore who knows the connection between the Westland affair, M15, the photogenic wife of a former Cabinet minister and a kinky leathergoods manufacturer in Petticoat Lane.

All in all, the safety and tranquility of an army standard issue nuclear, biological and chemical warfare protective suit could be a sound investment.

In Honduras, the Contras' main The intelligent way to control MI5 The Maxwell Fyse rules have survived to this day because the often a reduction in - the activ-

Nothing could have more power-fully rekindled our national fascinarina with the world of spies and spy-catching than the blockbuster now into its second week in the New South Wales Supreme Court.

Nnt surprisingly, opposition politicians — some giving the impression that they are ready to disregard or are even unaware of the requirements of national security - gleefully seize on the government's discomfiture. The clamour grows for a much greater degree of parliamentary control over the security services. Inevitably, these demands are led by the opposition parties but voices are also being heard on the Conservative benches suggesting that the services would be better managed if they were subject to much closer scrutiny by Par-liament, or at least by an all-party group of senior parliamentarians

Control of intelligence services is a difficult issue for all democracies, but it seems to give us particular problems. Even allowing for the current ructions in Washington, Americans generally approach it with a hreathtaking npenness. Public and political opinion in other European countries manages a cynical acceptance of it as a rontine feature of international relations. In Britain there has long been pressure from politicians out of office for a

degree of supervision of - and

ities of the security services. But, nace in office, they have always taken a different view.

men under arms, considerably more (and considerably better

equipped) than their hosts. To the

unconcealed alarm of the Hon-

duran authorities, these forces have already established their own

no-go zone — "Nueve Nicaragua"
to the locals — in the coffee
growing border region, attracting

increasingly heavy Sandinista at-tacks on an area of major im-

portance to the Honduran

Earlier this year, a CIA official

intimately involved with the rebels in Handuras admitted that

the possibility of their taking root

there permanently, defying the

government to move them, was "a nightmare for all nf us." But what

happens if the beleaguered Reagan

administration decides to give up

the Contras as part of its damage limitation exercise? What do you

do with so many trained fighters,

economy.

Soon after he became prime minister in 1945 Clement Attlee launched a review of the intelligence services but was persuaded of the need for MI5 and MI6 as then constituted. The question then to be decided was how to exert adequate political control without seriously impairing their operational efficiency. The nature of the work of the security services means that their relationship to ministers and accessibility to parliamentary scrutiny must be fundamentally different from, that say, of the DHSS, the Home Office or even the Ministry of Defence. A certain distance is essential; ministers and services alike would be inhibited by detailed control. careful compromise was

worked out and emerged as the Maxwell Fyse directive, issued by the then Home Secretary to the Director-General of the Security Service in 1952. The essence of the mechanisms then established that "Ministers do not concern themselves with the detailed information which may be obtained by the Security Service in particular cases, but are furnished with such information only as may be necessary for the determination of any issue on which guidance is

essentials of what made sense in

undoubtedly harbour a burning

sense of having been abandoned

The Contra ranks contain de-

cent and disciplined volunteers

who genuinely believe that the

Sandinistas have grossly betrayed the popular revolution against the

Somoza dictatorship. But the rebels' record of behaviour inside

Nicaragua, even allowing for San-

dinista propaganda, includes ev-

idence of rape, turture, assassination of doctors, teachers and local officials and random

attacks on civilian transport.

Similar allegations of brutality

and extortion are now surfacing

inside the Contra enclaves in

Honduras. They would not be

If the US does eventually decide

to drop the Contras and contrives

to resettle them in peaceful ob-scurity here and there, how will

welcome elsewhere.

by Uncle Sam?

1952 have remained sensible. No one could deny that Britain's intelligence services have had serious troubles since the war - but would things have been better under a system of all-party monitoring? Most of the moles discovered years ago have long since gone to their maker, to Moscow or to Home Counties retirement - yet their names are replayed again and again as part of an unremitting attack on our security arrangements. It is a wellestablished intelligence technique to cause problems for a rival service by keeping alive stories about penetration and moles in high places and one in which the KGB must certainly be well practised. M15 too must suffer from the paradox that the more moles they catch, the more their service comes under fire.

The security service failures which have occurred are an argument for better management and better recruitment rather than closer parliamentary scrutiny. One immediate and highly damaging effect of a move in the latter direction would be that the intelligence agencies of other countries would become deeply reluctant to co-operate with their British counterparts. Yet, particularly in these days of international terrorism, co-operation between

security agencies has never been more important. Last year Mrs Thatcher demonstrated the need to improve the management of MI5 when she persuaded Sir Antony Duff to become Director-General. Duff is admirably equipped for the job but is already well past retiring age and I believe more changes are needed. The Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong for whose current ordeal in Sydney I have the greatest sympathy, is unlikely to provide support in this. He is possessed of ruthless urbanity in large measure hut his lack of the sort of political feel that is needed was all too painfully demonstrated by his handling of the GCHQ affair and the top salaries increases in 1985.

The best way forward would probably be to adopt the proposal of my parliamentary colleague, Sir Anthony Kershaw, who has suggested that the Director-General of MI5 should be assisted by a permanent watchdog committee, probably similar to that which already exists within the Foreign Office. Such an arrangement would not satisfy apposition appetites or parliamentary egos but it might well give us a better security service.

Ray Whitney The author is Conservative MP for

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A NEW TEAM NEEDED

The prospect now facing the world is of three years of indecision in American foreign policy — two years of paralysis under President Reagan and one year of learning the ropes under his successor Already weak, Mr Reagan's presidency could be reduced to an almost catatonic state by the Poindexter-North debacle. The combination of financial irregularity, secrecy, illegality and Boys Own adventurism looks likely to keep Congressional committees and the networks happily engaged in raking over the scandal for many months to come. The normal business of government will be hindered as leading officials are forced perpetually to deal defensively with new charges. Experienced middle-rank officials will now be looking for lucrative law positions outside the Administration and able potential replacements will avoid the becalmed ship. In such circumstances it is all but impossible to muster the support needed to launch major new policies and difficult enough to maintain contentions policies that are already in place.

The accusation that money was channelled to the Contras against Congressional wishes has doomed any future moves to aid them. The Contras have thus been assured that they face death and imprisonment with no prospect of ultimate victory. Most will drift quietly away and those who remain will decline to the status of regional bandits.

That will not greatly distress most European governments which regard United States support for the Contras as ever, is preferable to a flawed

futile and even wicked. Yet, whatever its faults, the policy was designed to deal with the real problem of a highlymilitarised Sandinista regime which was promoting guerrilla insurgencies in neighbouring states. Now that the US attempt to obstruct such insurgencies by destabilising Nicaragua is almost certain to be abandoned, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica and even Guatemala may soon feel the combined heat of subversion and pressure from Managua.

At first glance, superpower relations will be less directly affected by the week's events. But Mr Reagan's bargaining clout in the Reykjavik summit and elsewhere was markedly increased by his domestic popularity and evident sway over Congress. The Soviet Union had a particular interest in reaching an arms control agreement with a popular right-wing President since that would minimise domestic American opposition to it. But Mr Reagan's popularity and political sway are now both much reduced.

In that he two opposite risks. Since Mr Reagan has less to offer, Mr Gorbachov may now decide it will do no harm to wait out the President's remaining term. That would dictate sticking firmly to the condition that the "Star Wars" strategic defence initiative be abandoned as part of any arms deal. Stalemate would then result - which would have the added attraction for the Russians that Congress might respond by cutting appropriations for SDI over the

President's objections. Even such a stalemate, how-

For this week, however, the

differences, present and poten-

tial, will be relegated to second

place. Mr Gandhi can be

flattered, as he was probably

intended to be, that the Soviet

leader chose to visit India

before any other Asian coun-

try, including closer allies like

victuam, The visit satisfies the

same aspiration for inter-

national recognition that has

spurred India's prominence in

The two leaders share some common problems. They have

both expressed their

determination to galvanize a

huge country into action after

long years of stagnation and

corruption. The large popula-

tion of the one and the sparse

population of the other may,

in economic and commercial

terms, prove complementary.

Beyond their borders they

have common enemies and

security interests. They both

feel threatened by Pakistan.

They are both sceptical about

the intentions of China. More

immediately, they both have

an interest in seeing a political

Ever since he came to

power, Mr Gorbachov has

tried to limit the damage

inflicted on his country's

reputation by the continued

Afghanistan. He has en-

gineered the (relatively grace-ful) replacement

Afghanistan's former leader.

Babrak Karmal. He has im-

plemented a partial and largely

cosmetic troop withdrawal,

and he has started to mend

presence of Soviet troops in would do much to give it

settlement in Afghanistan.

the Non-Aligned Movement.

agreement. Here the risk is that Mr Reagan, desperate for a political success in these conditions of policy paralysis, might offer major concessions to obtain an arms agreement along the dangerously utopian lines of Reykjavik. Dangerous in itself, such an agreement would also split Europe from

the assumptions underlying it is that President Reagan has suffered a large and permanent fall in popular esteem. If that should prove false, Congress, the media and rebellious bureaucrats would have to mute their opposition to his policies. It is difficult to see Contra aid surviving even then, but he might be able to patch up a new Middle East initiative or muster support for a judicious arms control offer. He will not improve matters by the remedies, fashionable though they are, of vesting all conduct of foreign policy in the State Department or of extending congressional control over the National Security Council Ultimate control of foreign policy under the American Constitution rests with the President who will always end up relying upon trusted advisors close to hand rather than upon a remote bureaucracy responsible to another major politician with, perhaps, an agenda of his own.

It is not measures but men whom President Reagan should now change, since it was the bad judgement of his advisors, not the bureaucratic structures they inhabit, which brought on the crisis. A thorough house-cleaning is in or-

On the eve of his visit to

India he said that a political

settlement was possible and

insisted that neither Moscow

nor the Afghan people wanted

a permanent Soviet presence

in the country. Such an atti-

tude will be welcome to India,

which was placed in an awk-

ward position by the Soviet

Union's military involvement

in the region. The presence of

virulently anti-Soviet Afghan

exiles in India was just one

byproduct of the invasion, but

one which has complicated

Now Mr Gandhi will have

to decide whether Moscow's

tentative, and perhaps tem-

porary change of attitude on

Afghanistan is enough for him

to grant what Mr Gorbachov

must surely be asking for this

week: Indian support for a

Soviet-sponsored Asian sec-

urity system. This grandiose

scheme is an attempt to draw

non-aligned countries in Asia

into a loose alliance designed

to counter the influence of

Japan, South Korea and the

United States in the Far East.

of an idea current in

Brezhnev's time, it is an

integral part of the new-style

Soviet foreign policy. Indian

involvement in such a scheme

credibility elsewhere in Asia.

Mr Gandhi would do well to

consider the long-term con-

sequences of such a plan

before putting his name to it.

So long as Soviet troops

remain in Afghanistan, Mr

Gorbachov's talk of Asian

security can only ring hollow.

While essentially a revival

bilateral relations.

MR GORBACHOV AND MR GANDHI

The Indian government took two precautions in advance of the Soviet leader's visit to Delhi this week. It detained prominent Afghan exiles living in India (though failing to prevent a large protest demonstration yesterday) and ensured a rapturous popular by busing crowds into the capital to greet him.

The precautions reflected in their way the present state of Indian-Soviet relations: a delicate alignment of security interests dictated by geography in which complications are swept under the carpet, and a long-standing popular affinity in need of a little encouragement. The Soviet leader arrives in India intent, no doubt, on refreshing the alignment and capitalizing on the affinity. He may find that things are not exactly as they seem.

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In the two years that he has been in power, Mr Gandhi has veered away from the political legacy of his mother. He has looked to private enterprise rather than public ownership to solve India's economic problems. He has made efforts to reduce the corruption endemic in Indian society and to tackle ethnic conflicts. He has sought a less antagonistic relationship with the West and adopted his own style of leadership in the Third World. It is doubtful whether the two leaders will be able to recapture the spirit that prevailed in Indira Gandhi's time. Over the longer term, their two countries appear to be headed in different directions.

fences with the Islamic world. THE SILENT SURGEONS

On Tuesday Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons held a meeting of their council. This was the first opportunity for them to raise the extraordinary case last week in which Mr Felix Weale, FRCS, was found guilty of serious professional misconduct by the Pro-fessional Conduct Committee of the General Medical Coun-

Mr Weale, it will be recalled, was revealed to have refused to go to his hospital to operate on an emergency patient who, on his own instructions, had been prepared for operation by his surgical registrar and was on the operating table already anaesthetized. Mr Weale's reason was that between the time of his instruction to his registrar and the readiness of the patient for the operation, his on-call shift had finished.

There were a number of disturbing aspects to the case. The fact that the events took place on Christmas Eve in 1983 was less than reassuring about the speed with which indeed react on a more realis-

such events are dealt with by the medical authorities. The tales of dangerous mistrust between professional colleagues would have been more alarming still, were it not for the fact that without this rare breakdown in the medical club rules we would have been unlikely to hear about the offence at all.

Most of all, however, it was the punishment which seemed inadequate. Mr Weale was "admonished" and he is continuing his normal work. The reasoning of the Committee may well have been that the next step up in punishment would have been to strike Mr. Weale off the medical register for a period. They were presumably of a view that the sin did not justify this response, especially as the matter was being considered so long after the event took place.

But if the General Medical Council cannot tune its responses more precisely or,

tic timescale is it not time that the Royal College of Surgeons and the other colleges and faculties of the medical profession started to exert some greater self-regulatory influence? These colleges and faculties rightly regard themselves as guardians of standards of practice. They fulfil this role for the training and teaching of their junior doctors

in an honourable fashion. Now they should turn their powers to establishing some fast and flexible mechanisms to influence the behaviour of that minority of consultants and academics who fail to fulfil their commitments. They should look not only to those who break the letter of their contracts but also to those who breach the spirit of common humanity that justifies the privileged place in society that the public accords to these senior hospital doctors. So far the Royal College of Surgeons. of which Mr Weale is a fellow, has not

considered the case at all.

America This pessimistic outlook is not, of course, certain. One of

Ending apartheid From the Executive Secretary of Christian Concern for Southern

Africa Sir, You assert (leading article, November 18) that through economic growth and increasing business activity in South Africa foreign companies "undermine the barriers of occupational apartheid" and "act as subtle underminers of apartheid". You further suggest that educational help from major companies can "outflank the institutions of apartheid". Thus, you hope, sociliberal direction. The best that you can hope for is

that such policies will ameliorate South Africa's problems. To this end diplomatic and financial backing should be given to British firms. Is it not important first of all to

be clear oo what we mean by apartheid? Your view seems to be that it is personal and social discrimination. It is not just that. It is, first, denial of basic human rights and exclusion from the democratic political process.

There is no historical evidence that growth in economic activity weakens the institution of apartheid as properly understood. Is it oot optimistic in the extreme to

Tory students

From Mr Douglas Smith Sir, The Federation of Conservative Students has never advocated "decriminalized incest, legalized heroin, privatizing the Royal Family" or any other quasi-anarchist policy as alleged by Toby Young (feature, November

Io the past individual members (some not even office bearers) have aired eccentric views which have been seized upoo by a grateful Press eager to create headlines. Thus, in the case of incest, the chairman of the federation's Scottish branch, who had written a legal thesis oo the position of partners related by blood, advocated the decriminalization of such relationships between consenting adults.

He was subsequently disowned hy FCS both regionally and nationally, yet the myth continues to be perpetuated that FCS favours the legalization of incest, with all the emotive connotations that this

There is oo denying the foolish statements and actions of certain FCS members. Nor can the embarrassment of the "Stocktoo. war crimes" episode (involving ooe individual) be ignored, hut I feel certain that individual resignations could have been demanded (and obtained) before it became oecessary to close what remains the largest and most vihrant political youth movement in Britain.

Yours faithfully DOUGLAS SMITH, (Vice-Chairman, FCS, 1985), 10 Sunbury Lane, SW11.

The Queen's victim

From Mr J. S. Deane Sir, I was in command of s.s. Liemba, ex Gotzen, towards the end of 1961 and must therefore have only narrowly missed the pleasure of meeting your correspondent, Mr Nicolas Bellord (November 20).

At second-hand from Tanzania I understand that the ship op-erated until 1970, when engine defects caused her lay up until the fitting of diesel units enabled her to resume operations in 1979. 20 Chester Street, SW1.

and Burundi. Australia from the forecastle bell, upended to serve as a font. Yours faithfully.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nowhere to go for mentally ill

From the Chairman of the Society
of Clinical Psychiatrists
Sir. Dr Malcolm Weller's letter in many parts of the country is a scandal whose results are not being added up to terms of increasing suicides, violence and

avoidable general trauma to many caring relatives and sufferers.

Yours faithfully, HARRY JACOBS (Chairman, Society of Clinical Psychiatrists),

Sir, The medical students of the

1940s, of whom I was one, were

taught at the very beginning of

their clinical training that in every

case they should inquire ioto the

patient's smoking and drinking habits; and oothing which they

were taught seemed to them more

obvious common sense than this.

Family doctors ... are today

urged to find out and record how much alcohol is being drunk by their patients" — as if that were a

brilliant new idea, and as if it were

exceptional to record one's find-

saying that when dealing with a new patient one examined com-

pletely every system of the body.

since otherwise there could be oo

hope of accurate diagnosis and in

the 1960s, to my direct knowledge.

good family doctors still did so.

(This is very far from saying that

patients should be fully examined

at every interview).

Now you report: "It [the Royal

College of General Practitioners!

believes that most people who

drink heavily ... deserve a full

physical examination" - as if that

tiple special investigations have replaced history taking and clini-

cal examination. Reports such as

this, allegedly emanating from an

official body, make one fear it may

One sometimes hears that mul-

vere a last resort.

be true.
Yours faithfuly

Forest View.

Upper Chote

JOHN PENMAN,

Andover, Hampshire.

in the 1940s it also went without

Now you report (November 12):

Severalls Hospital,

Alcohol records

From Dr John Penman

Colchester, Essex.

r. Dr Malcolm Weller's letter (November 22) highlights a man-made and expanding tragedy that is occurring in front of the eyes of relatives and involved doctors in this country.

Under a sacred haooer proclaiming that all insane people can be treated in the relative isolation of their own homes, hospital care facilities for them are being ruthlessly swept away. All the appalling consequences of this are minimised, or cannot achieve public attention

Acute schizophrenie and depressive illnesses cannot be got better overnight. Humanity and the relatives of patients cry out for an often brief spell of in-patient care, which usually gets them

When sufferers' opposition to help is coming from these made violent by delusions of persecution that have already led to violence to innocent people they think are poisoning them, the meotally disordered persons' wishes should oot be paramount. Some of these untreated deluded people are capable of the severest

Treatable depressive psychotics can likewise be salvaged to bless the people who overrode their destructive wishes at a time of despairing madness.

Many of the more resistantly ill patients are not always done a kindness to by being cast out of an understanding environment, with friendly faces and an occupied day, for one of meaningless drift-

ing in an uncaring void. We should have been warned by the disasters in the USA and Italy, where similar policies were pur-sued. In Italy these poor souls at railway stations were called the abandonatti. Laissez-faire is not a kindness for schizophrenics who refuse medication. It is a downhill

path to the gutter for not a few. Psychiatrists want to see their patients in the community, but at time and in a condition where it is humane and reasonable. The current scrapping of the acute beds

imagine that extra funds for a few schools and greater opportunity at the workbench are going to undermine apartheid?

The recent meeting of the business community and Mr P. W. Botha showed clearly that they are co-operating closely on the way forward. That is not the real consultation which is required.

It will need much more than this to bring to an end the political system of apartheid. Violent disorder over a long period is a real, possibility and it will probably bring increasing chaos in most of prevented, if at all, by honest oegotiations between leaders of all communities, with encourage ment from outside. Mr P. W. Botha resists this.

Ecocomic and financial pressure is aboot the only means left to achieve that objective. The weight of Opinion in support of this policy is overwhelming in specialist in-stitutions, apart from within the hosiness community with its stroog vested interests. More objective judgements are required. Yours truly, R. ELLIOTT KENDALL

Executive Secretary. Christian Concern for Southern Africa, 2 Eaton Gate, SW1.

Records on tape

From Mr Iain C. Baillie Sir. The cries of outrage about home taping exemplified by the President of the Performing Right Society (November 15) confuse several issues and ignore an important one. The simple playing of music in the home has never been and never will be copyright

iofringement. The music industry has benefited enormously from the technology of sound recording and reproduction. How much would the composers receive as income if we were still in the era of only live performances? It is, however, implicit io the technology as developed over the last few years that there can be transcription within one reproduction unit from one medium to another.

Copyright law is intended to with the problem of reproduction and distribution, although unfortunately the signifi-cance of this latter aspect has never been fully explored. It is only now that the right of a purchaser of a work embodying copyright to its reasonable utilisation has been fully explored.

The House of Lords has looked at the situation in the case of spare parts in the British Leyland decision and has expressed a right of use. Bernard Levin (November 10), by emphasising the right of the private user, has evinced a better understanding of the real problem than those who have denounced him. Yours faithfully IAIN C. BAILLIE.

November 17. trading from Kigoma to Zambia

In my day the chief engineer was a Scot - Mr George Lochead; the first officer a Tanganyikan - Mr Mauludi, and the steward was from Goa. She was a happy ship with a firm place in my family memories, since my daughter was christened into the Church of

. S, DEANE, 5 Lambourne Road. Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Chance to offer Scots a chance

From Mrs Jillian Luff
Sir, Surely the Scottish Office are ing shortsighted in their oppositioo to the proposed skiing development on Aonach Mhor (report, November 19, Scottish edition). This development will bring benefit to the country as a whole and oot just to skiers.

I believe our country suffers from over-urbanization and therefore increasing the ease of access to a small part of our beautiful, exciting, empty mountains is good oews for all.

More important is the aspect of jobs. I am positive that the likely number of jobs which would result throughout the employment spectrum - in hotels and bed and breakfast, in restaurants, in retailing, in transport, in informatioo and public services - would be far in excess of the 60 to 80 mentiooed.

The cost to the country of oot creating these jobs is high: more dole money or more families being forced to move to the already madly over-populated, expensive South, where they may add to the social problems which we constantly witness as a result of our overcrowded cities.

As a Scot who has had to move south, I know that for the employed the quality of life (especially for families with youngsters) in an area such as Fort William is infinitely preferable. Let's aim at maintaining employmeet opportunities throughout our country and oot just in the South-east! Yours faithfully

JILLIAN B. LUFF, Vestcroft. Northchurch Common, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. November 20.

Sports restriction

From Mr Norman R. Mortimer Sir, Having read the Coe report. produced by the Sports Council, copies of which have only recently come to hand, I must protest against Mr Rifkind's decision to close the Scottish School of Physical Education.

The Confederation of British

Industry, in evidence to the above review, stated that it would certainly be very concerned

if resources were not available for Britain to participate effectively and credibly in international sports

Every male teacher of physical education trained in Scotland has attended the Scottish school and to close such an institution is akin to giving over the playing fields of Eton to property development.

To remove the *only* specialist college of physical education in the west of Scotland only reflects the rest of the world's low opinion of Britain as a modern force in

world sport. Yours et NORMAN R. MORTIMER (Director of Schools and Youth Development, British Handball Association), May Terrace,

Mount Florida, Glasgow. November 25.

Neglected exam?

From the Headmaster of Liskeard Sir. In response to the letter from the Headmaster of The King's School, Gloucester (November 14), there are two other disadvantages to the new AS-level examinations, in addition to the lukewarm or even chilly receptioo

from the universities. First, although AS levels may broaden a student's education, they are very likely to narrow his or her choices. At present a good A-level student will embark on three or four A-level courses and choose one of them as a subject to study when applying to university.

If AS levels are widely accepted then only two subjects are likely to be taken to a level which makes them acceptable as a starting point for a university course. In the example Mr Charters gives, it would prevent the potential engineer switching from engineering to chemistry even in his or her

upper sixth year. Secondly, in a rural comprehensive school such as ours, at a time of falling rolls and reducing staff. we can only introduce AS levels where they can be taught in Alevel classes, since to introduce new classes for very small numbers is beyood our resources without sacrificing smaller classes amongst the younger children. Yours faithfully.

A. D. WOOD, Headmaster, Liskeard School, Luxstowe

Liskeard, Cornwall.

Where the truth lies From Mr E. P. Wilson

Sir, Sir Robert Armstrong's phrase in Sydney, "being ecocomical with the truth", is already being spoken of as a candidate for inclusioo in future anthologies of quotations. Credit (if that is the right word) for the ootioo should at least be shared with the British statesman, W. E. Forster.

Recording his impressions of a cooversation in 1877 with the Russian diplomat, Count Nicholas Ignatiev, Forster was suspicious that Ignatiev's frankness was far from genuine, and was driven, more reluctantly than Sir Robert one imagines, to reflect What is the use of lying, when truth, well distributed, serves the same purpose?" (T. Wemyss Reid, Life, ü. (1888), p167). Yours faithfully, E. P. WILSON Worcester College. Oxford.

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ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 27 1812

The retreat of Napoleon's army from Moscow had begun in mid-October, but in the absence of any regular information from that front this article proved to be a well judged appreciation of what had in fact already begun to happen. The destruction of the Grande Armée was complete by December 20. Napoleon left the army on December 9, travelling direct to Paris on o journey that lasted 312 hours; Murat, who wo left in command, reached
left in command, reached
Königsberg ten days later with the
remaining 1,000 of the Old Guard,
including dismounted cavalry.

LONDON Priday, November 27, 1812. At length, our curiosity to learn the fate of the French Grand Army has received some slight gratifica-tion. A Gentleman, who has reached town from Morlaix, informs us thet he there perused the 26th and 27th Bulletins, which are dated on the route towards Polane passing in a direction somewhat to the southward of Smolensko The 27th Bulletin related

number of attacks made by the Russians on the French rear-guard down to the 27th ult., all of which is is said were easily repulsed by Davoust and Eugene Beauharnois, who covered the main army in a masterly manner. Great part of this Bulletin is taken up with descanting on Buonaparte's hu-manity! Some of his soldiers, it eems, requested permission to burn all the towns and village through which they retreated. This nfernal proposal is not noticed as at all unreasonable in itself: but its rejection is meant at once to characterise Buonaparte as a model of magnanimity; although it is perfectly obvious that the fear of speedy vengeance must have constituted a very sufficient motive for his forbearance. It was farther stated that Mortier had blown up the Kremlin, and joined the main army, which after the chastisement (so it is expressed) which it had given the Russians, on the 27th, had been no further disturbed by them, but proceeded, in the best condition, towards its ultimate destination. No very accurate account, however, is given of what had been done with the sick and rounded, whom the 25th Bulletin tated to have been removed to Mojaisk and Smolensko, which are out of the present line of march. We have every reason to believe that though the Bulletins in question have not reached this country, the above will be found to exhibit a tolerably faithful outline of their contents. It is easy to gather from them, that the French army has bandoned all idea of establishing itself, for the winter, in any part of Russia: and is in full retreat out of the bounds of that empire. We are ready to believe that whatever can conducting the retreat, has been effected by the united efforts of the French Generals, who altogether constitute a greater body of talent and experience, then any other army in the world can boast; but we

look, in this instance, beyond the

skill of the General. — we look to the physical powers of the soldier,

- we picture to ourselves a

Provençal, or a Tuscan, or a Neapolitan struggling, from day to day, with the snow and the frost, toiling through the marshes and fording the half-frozen torrents, which, as he advances, swell gradually into impassable rivers; we see his bopes failing, his strength hausted, his constitution broken. Little boots it, that he may repulse the enemy in the daytime, if he meet a more latal enemy in the chilling damps and agues of the night. To sufferings such as these, independently of all the slaughter occasioned by their pursuers, it is hardly to be doubted, but that one half of the soldiers who left Moscow must fall sacrifice before they can reach a secure asylum. Not less than three hundred thouand men, on both sides, will have fallen; and between five and six months of scientific arrangement and sanguinary contest will have been employed, only to close, oo the Vistula, those operations which began at a more advanced point on the Pregel. On the 20th of June the first Bulletin was issued, from Gumbinnen. The Orders, addressed, at the same time, to the army proudly announced that the war should be carried into the Russian territories, — that the destinies of Russia were about to be accomplished, — and that she was for ever to be excluded from any influence in the affairs of Europe. If Buonsparte shall have to date a future Bulletin from Warsaw, he must select other topics _The French nation itself will reflect that there is neither wisdom nor justice in waging so deadly a war against Russia, only to prevent her from exercising a free right of trading, as she thinks fit. We do not mean to intimate that any sensible decay of Buonaparte's popularity is yet visible in France. On the contrary, we learn, that notwithstanding the late shortlived conspiracy, very little open disaffection to his person or government is any where exhibited.

Bitter-sweet memory

From Mr John Greene Sir, Io 1980 1 inherited an oak chest. Whilst treating it for woodworm I found secreted behind a false panel a half pound of Typhoo tea ("Authorised price 11d"), my grandmother's final war-time supply in the event that the worst happened.

Its condition may not be as good as Mrs Weston-Davies's Ang-osturas (November 21), but as a comestible from imperial India it is at least older.

Yours faithfully. JOHN GREENE 3 Richmond Place, Bath, Avoo.

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G. F. Watts' famous paint-

ing of "Flope", sitting on a globe with bandaged eyes plucking the one remaining string of her lyre, became the

most expensive Victorian painting ever sold at anction when it sold for £869,000 at

Sotheby's yesterday.
Sotheby's printed estimate
was £150,000 to £250,000 but
they had upped their hopes to
around half a million by the

It was bought by Peter Nahum, a London dealer, on behalf of an mnamed English

collector. His chief rival was

Jalian Hartnell who acts for

Frederick Koch, the American

millionaire who plans to set up

a centre for the study of

Victorian art at Sutten Place,

Nahum was stunned by the pleasure of acquiring the painting and dubbed it a "steal". "Who would think

that you could buy one of the most famous Victorian paint-

ings — perhaps the greatest Victorian painting — for as little as that."

He pointed out that Watts

was virtually deified by the British public of his day and by his fellow artists, as well as

being a significant influence on the French Symbolistes.

Sotheby's sale mixed Vic-

torian and nineteenth century European pictures. There were some high prices but quite a

number of unsold lots, demonstrating that this field is not

fully caught up in the autumn's

A charceal drawing by Mil-

let of a peasant mother teach-

ing her little daughter to knit

ing her little daughter to knit secured £165,000 (estimate £70,000—£100,000) while a little roundel by Fod Maddox Brown, "Southend looking to-wards Shearness", with a pony trap passing a white cow on a country lane, made a record for

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's

Masters of the beneu of Gray's linn:

Mr Brian James Higgs, QC, (Recorder), Mr Michael ap Gwilym Lewis, QC, (Recorder), Mr Alan Rupert Tyrrell, QC, (Recorder), Mr Richard Leslie Clifford Hartley, QC, Mr Christopher Ohi Macredie Bedingfield, QC, Mr Anthony John Butcher, QC, (Recorder), Mr Michael Anthony Bowes Burke-Gaffiney, QC, Mr Anthony David Coleman, QC, Mr Elvet John Prosser, QC, (Recorder), Mr Robert Lionel Johnson, QC, (Recorder), Mr Christopher Hiley Ludlow Bathurst, QC, Mr Eliot Michael Hill, QC, (Recorder).

Company of

Merchants

City of Edinburgh

Ball

At the annual meeting of the

Company of Merchants of the

City of Edinburgh held in the Merchants' Hall, Edinburgh, on

Thursday, December 13, 1986, Mr Michael James Walker was

Heatly, as Treasurer. Mr William McDonald was re-elected

RNLI Lifeboat and Mermaid

The RNLI Lifeboat and Mer

maid Ball will be held oo December 4 at the Londoo

Hiltoo hotel. For information

about tickets, donations and advertising in the ball pro-

gramme, please contact the chairman, Lady Bernard, 7 Cresswell Gardens, London, SW5 OBJ. Telephone 01-373

Richmond Tutorial

The annual Colwell fecture,
"The Labour Party and the
Abolition of the Public Schools
and Oxbridge Colleges" will be
delivered by Mr Carey Palmer,
Principal of Richmond Tutorial
College, on December 18, at the
college. For further information
please telephone 01-040 2273

please telephone 01-940 8273.

Mr Michael Hoy. Managing Editor of The Times, is to join

the Defeoce and Press

Broadcasting Committee.

Appointment

College

the artist at £126,500.

Gray's Inn

art market boom.

eve of the sale.

near Guildford.

Sale room

price for Victorian painting

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 26: His Excellency Senhor Bubacar Turè was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-poteotiary from Guinea-Bissau to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompa-nied by the following member of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Senhor Oscar Batica Ferreira (First Secretary).

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commensus the Majesty and Commensus the Secretary and Secretary and

for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting

The Queen. Air Commodore-in-Chief, Royal Observer Corps, received Air Commodore J Broughton upon relinquishing his appointment as Com-mandant of the Corps and Air Commodore I Horrocks upon ssuming the appointment.
The Lord Skelmersdale and

the Lord Brabazoo of Tara had the hooour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing their appointments as Lords in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Lord Hesketh, the Lord

Beaverbrook and the Earl of Dundee had the honour of being received by The Queen upon the appointments as Lords in Waiting to Her Majesty.
The Earl of Haddington had

the honour of being received by The Queen and delivered up the Insigniz of the Order of the Thistle worn by his late Father. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Pal-

ace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Duke and Duchess of

Gloucester were present.
The String Orchestra of the
Scots Guards played selections
of music during the eveoing.
Her Majesty's Body Guard of
the Honourable Corps of
Gentlemen-at-Arms. The
Queen's Body Guard of the
Yeomen of the Guard aod a
dismourated detachment of the dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry were on

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning pre-sented the 1986 Royal Society of Arts Presidential Awards for Design Management and at-tended a Conference on the Management of New Ideas at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, WC2.

His Royal Highness gave the London Lecture to the Inner London Branches of the British Institute of Management and afterwards attended a luocheon at Hudson's Bay House. Upper Thames Street, EC4.
Brigadier Clive Robertson

was in attendance. The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon at Buckingham Pal-ace presented the Young Environmentalist of the Year Awards for the Young People's Trust for Endangered Species. His Royal Highness. Presi-

dent of the Westminster Abbey Trust, chaired a meeting of the Trustees at Buckingham Palace. Birthdays today Mr John Alderton, 46; Professor J. M. Ashworth, 48; Mr Rowan

Bentail, 75; Mr Rodney Bewes, 49: Lord Bridges, 59; the Very Rev Edward Carpenter, 76; Sir Rex Cohen, 80; Mr Leonard Cutts, 82; Mr Robert Dougall, 72: Air Marshel Sir Eric Panne

73; Air Marshal Sir Eric Dunn, 59; Admiral Sir Ian Easton, 69;

Lord Howard de Walden, 74; Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Howard-Vyse, 81; Miss Rosaine Kelly, 64; Mr Walter

Klien, 58; Viscount Lambert,
77; the Marquess of Lansdowne,
74; Mr F. Leslie Preston, 83; Mr
Alan Simpson, 57; Mr Ernie
Wise, 61.

The daughter of Mr Howard and

The daughter of Mr Howard and Lady Camilla Hipwood was christened Rosanna Charlotte by the Rev Thomson Gibson at St Michael and All Angels, Badminton, on Sunday, November 23. The godparents are the Hoo Julian Fane, Mrs

Henry Brockbank and Mrs Peter Marshall (for whom the Hoo

Mrs Harry Fane stood proxy).

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was host at a breakfast held yesterday at the Ritz Hotel io honour of Senator J. William Fulbright and the fortieth anniversary of the Fulbright

HM Government Mr Alastair Goodlad, Par-

liameotary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy,

was host at a luncheoo given yesterday by Her Majesty Government at the Ritz Hotel in honour of the Director General

of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Or Hans Blix,

Ar Joho Wickerson, President

of the Law Society, gave a luncheon at the House of Lords

yesterday, sponsored by Lord Foot, for the members of the

Solicitors' All Party Par-liamentary Group. Amoog

Hamentary Order. Announced those present were:
Viscound Brentford, Lord Carno Lord Cledwyn of Penhros, CH. Lord Coleraine, Lord Evans of Caught Lord Ocodenain. CH. Lord Misho Lord Nathan. Lord Noel-Buston, Lord Nathan. Lord Wrenbury.
Hugh Rosel, MP. Mr Lee Abet. M. Mr. Richard Alexander, MP. States Rathele, MP. Mr. Antho

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Fulbright

Programme.

Lord Foot

Luncheons

Commission

CLARENCE HOUSE November 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled at St James's Palace. Mrs Patrick Campbell-Pres ton, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Niall Hall were in

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 26: The Prince of
Wales, attended by LieutenantColonel Brian Anderson and
Surgeon Commander Ian Jenking PN assigned at Panal Air

kins, RN, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Cyprus. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 26: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the new Crown Court at Guildford and later, as Chancellor, visited the University of Surrey, and attended the Anoual Dinner of the University and Guildford Borough Council. Captain Michael Campbell-

amerion was in attendance.
The Duchess of Keot. The Duchess of Reof. Controller Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, today visited the London District Provost Company RMP at Rochester Row. London SW1.

Her Royal Highness was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Simuel Sitwell.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 26: Princess Alexandra, to mark the Centenary

dra, to mark the Centenary Year, this morning visited the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women, Glasgow. In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness opened St Oswald's Hospice at Gosforth, Tyne and Wear, and afterwards, as Patroo of the People's Dispensary for Sick Aoimals, visited the PDSA Animal Treatment Centre at Blandford Street. Newcastle

upon Tyne. Princess Alexandra, who travelled io an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Affa.

The Prince of Wales will opeo the sports hall at Mountbatten School, Romsey, Hampshire, oo The Prince of Wales will open

the new Ocean Sound Studios at Hampshire, oo December 1. The Princess of Wales will join the Archbishop of Canterbury and local schoolchildren for a carol service in Canterbury Cathedral on December 1. Princess Anne, President of the

Royal Agricultural Society of England, will attend a council meeting at 35 Belgrave Square on December 3. on December 3.

The Princess of Wales will open the new headquarters of the Body Shop ple at Hawthorn Road, Wick, Littlehampton, on

December 3. The Princess of Wales will visit the Downland Housing Society Project run by the Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus at 5 Grand Avenue, Worthing, on December 3.

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ways, but also research into new techniques for

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yesterday. Mr Eric Koops, chairman of the committee, presided and Mr Christopher Granville also spoke.

Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, was the guest of hooour and speaker at a lunchcon given by the Political Committee of the Carlton Club

Cariton Club Political

Viscount Tonypandy, Chair-man of the National Children's Home, was host yesterday at a luncheon at the Travellers Club, io aid of the home Among those prescul were:
Major the Hon Prillip Sidney. Sir John
Ridded, Sir Morris Laing, Mr Tony
Saldry, MP, Mr and Mrs Ted Hughes,
Mr Aiderman and Mrs Crystopher
Collett, Miss Striey Ann Field, Miss
Antia Roddick, Mr David Kossoff and
Mr Charles Love.

Sir Jack Lyons and Mr John Theroux were hosts at a luncheoo oo Tuesday. November 25 at 16 Connaught Place, W2, for the Hoo Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for the Home Department, Among those

present were:
Lord Hunt, Lord Keith of Castleaure,
Lord Erra. Sir Raymond Lyon, Sir
John Read, Mr David Alliance, Mr
Archibald Cox. Mr Hugh Dundas, Mr
JR ds Forsera, Mr Jon Foulds, Mr
Paul Fox, Mr Ronald Crierson, Mr
Paul Fox, Mr Ronald Crierson, Mr
Nicholas Horsley, Mr James Lupton,
Mr John Loudon, Mr Stuart Lyons,
Mr Mick Newmarch, Mr Lewis
Robertson, Mr Ernest Saunders and
Mr Vic Sleel.

Type Tees Television

M Valery Giscard d'Estaing attended a luncheoo given Tyne Tees Television on November 26, at the Hyde Park Hotel. Sir 26, at the Hyde Park Hotel. Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, chairman, presided. The guests included: viscount whitelaw. Cd. Mr. John Malerlam, MP. Mr. James Callaghan, MP. Lord Thomson of Montfaeth (Chairman of the BIA). Mr. ban Wrigglesworth, MP. Lord Thomson of Montfaeth (Chairman of the Max Rev Dr. John Habgood, Lady Littler. Mr. Edmund Delt (Chairman of Channel 4 TV). Mr. Justin Dutes, Lord Crantel 4 TV). Mr. Justin Dutes, Lord Erroll of Halle. Mr. John Writmey. Lord Derham, Sir Nicholas Headerson, Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP. Sir Brian Cubbon, the Egyptian Arabas Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, Stan Cubbon, the Egyptian Anabaston, the French Anhassastor, the bissastor of Lapan, Milled Rippon, the bissastor of Lapan, Milled Rippon, Mr. Gerstel Rauftonand Ford Standard Albon, MP, of Geborrough, Mr. Gerstel Raufistrong, MP, Lord Ellion of peth, Lord Bayton, Str Geoffrey trembers of the actional press
representatives of industry, country and the North East and North Reshire Community.

Dinners

Society of Local Authority Chief Executives Chief Executives
The annual dinner of the Society
of Local Authority Chief Executives was held at the Savoy
Hotel yesterday. Mr P. Rust,
president, was to the chair and
Dr John Cunningham, MP, was

the guest speaker.

High Court Journalists' The annual dinner of the High Court Journalists' Association was held at the Law Society Hallyesterday. Mr Douglas Broom, chairman, presided and the guest speakers were Mr Justice Scott and Mr Justice Ognati. Among others present were:

Mr Justice Balcombe, Mr Justice
Bush Judge Thomas, Miss Shirley
Ritchie, OC. Mr Peter Cont. OC. Mr
John Wickerson, Mr Lan Vales, Mr
Brian MacArthur, Mr E H Marsh, Mr
John Lees, Mr Norman Fox, Mr
Philip Walker and Mr Jonathan

Past Overseers' Society of St Margaret and St John,

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, locum tenens, Councillor R. W. Forrester, the Duke of Norfolk and Mr David Hopkin, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Past Overseers' Society of St Margaret and St John, West-minster, at the Hotel Ioter-Continental yesterday. Mr Reginald Pullen, chairman of the society, presided and Mr Rodney Brooke also spoke.

Lord Wiodlesham, Chairman of Trustees of the British Museum. gave a dinner at the museum yesterday in honour of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar, the Minister of Culture and Revolutionary Art and the Inspector of the Armed Forces and Military Adviser to the President, on the occasion of the opening of the exhibition "Madagascar: Island of the Ancestors" at the Museum of Mankind

Fulbright Commission The fortieth anniversity of the Fulbright Programme was celebrated at Guildhall yesterday with an address by Mr Alistair Cooke, who was introduced by the American Ambassador, followed by a reception and dinner. Mr Roger Jospe was host and Lord Young of Graffiam and Senator J. William Fulbright also spoke. Mrs Anne Collins, Chairman of the Fulbright Commission, made the presentations.

Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers The Smeatonian Society of Civil Reed's School

The annual dinner of Reed's School was held at Grocers' Hall yesterday. Mr John Robertson, president, was in the chair. Mr George Nissen and Mr David Prince, Headmaster of Reed's School, also spoke. The Master of the Grocers' Company and Mrs Whitmore and the Deputy Mayor of Elmbridge and Mr Lyon were among those present.

Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers

Mr Allen Thompson, Master of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, assisted by the Wardens, Mr Mark Tollit and Mr John Leighton, presided at a dinner held at Stationers' Hall yesterday. Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett was the guest of honour and Lientenant-General Sir Michael Wilkins, Commandant General, Royal Marines, also spoke. The Prime Warden and Clerk of the Dyers' Company and the Mas-ters and Clerks of the Leathersellers', Cordwainers', Musicians and Glass-Sellers' Companies were among others

Federation of Onhthelmic Engineers held its final dinner of the present session at the Institution of Civil Engineers last might. Mr J. W. Bazter presided.

and Dispensing Opticians

Mr R. T. Harris, Chairman of the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians, pre-Mr R. T. Harris, Chairman of the Federation of Ophthalmic **OBITUARY**

MR DEREK HART Gifted broadcaster and film-maker

member and co-presenter of the original BBC Tonight programme, died in London on November 23. He was 61.

Derek Osborne Hart was born on March 18, 1925, and educated at Christ's College, Bath, and at Lincoln College and New College Oxford. From 1943 to 1945 he served as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. His first broadcasts were as an actor, after playing in the West End and repertory, and he appeared in a number of television dramas as early as

In 1949 he joined the radio cast of Mrs Dale's Diary in which he played the part of Bob Dale for two years. For four more years he played a wide variety of roles in BBC repertory, but it was as one of the presenters of the Toright programme, and as one of its principal interviewers on cur-rent affairs and the arts, that he became a household name. His intelligence, charm, firmness and humour helped to A detail from Millet's "The knitting lesson" which was sold for £165,000 at Sotheby's, yesterday. make the programme the exceptional success it was.

Subsequently he presented for BBC2 the Europa programme, which made effective use of foreign countries' coverage of current affairs, often conferring on the British people the gift to see them-selves as others saw them. Among many other television and radio programmes of his was the first BBC consumer

Mr S.A. Pritchard-Smith and Miss N. A-L. De Young

The engagement is announced between Simoo Alexander,

Young, of The West Penthouse

Grove Court, Drayton Gardens,

Mr D.H.A. Reitman

Shelley, of London.

Mr P.G. Sargent and Miss N.C. Reeves

Mr M.P. Simp

and Miss S.R. Parkes

Mr G.D. Tamer and Miss A.P. Cresse

Marriage

Dr J.M.G. Foster and Miss F.P. Vaillant

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 22, at St Johns Church, Blackheath, of Dr James Foster, elder son of Dr

lind, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey W. Parkes, of Halesowen, West Midlands.

The engagement is announced between Gordoo Darley, son of the late Mr J. D. Tanner and

and Miss S.A. Shelley

dier Derek Mills-Roberts to whom Milch surrendered on May 3 1945. The Milch family May 3 1945. The Milch family challenged their ownership in the courts and the baton had to be withdrawn from sale. They dropped the case against Phillips and the Mills-Roberts family a few menths ago, allowing the sale to go ahead.

Milch is reported to have surrendered the baton with a crisp "Heil Hitter" and a salute. At which Mills-Rob-

behalf of the family of Briga-

Phillips succeeded in selling the silver-mounted baton of Field-Marshall Erhard Milch, salute. At which Mills-Rob-erts broke the baton over his head. Shortly before, he and his troops had experienced the horrors of the Neustadt concentration camp and found hundreds of massacred prisoners on the beach at Travenumde. cluded in a sale of war memorabilia a year ago on

> Forthcoming marriages Mr S.A.R. Mills
> and Miss E.A. Marphy
> The engagement is announced,
> between Smart, eldest son of the
> late Mr A. T. Mills and of Mrs
> A. M. Mills, of Pinner, Middle-

Mr D.J. Lawson and the Hon Katharine Ashton and the Hon Kathariae Ashton
The engagement is announced
between Douglas, son of Mr and
Mrs H. D. Lawson, of 58
Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry,
Dundee, and Kate, younger
daughter of Lord and Lady
Ashton of Hyde, of Fir Farm,
Upper Slaughter, Bourton on
the Water, Gloucestershire.

The bargain of the sale was probably Kobke's brilliant lit-tic portrait of Dr Johann Hjardemaal at £50,600 (es-

timate £40,000 - £60,000), an

oatstanding work by Denmark's leading artist. The sale totalled £1,920,000 with 16 per cent left unsold. A sale

of second division pictures in the same field added another

£1.063,260 but 25 per cent was

a senior Nazi officer, for

£7,480 (estimate £4,000 -

£6,000) to Adrian Forman, a

London dealer. It was their

second attempt. It was in-

Mr A. Anton and Miss M. Rhoden Price The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Anton, of Worcestershire, and Melissa Marie, daughter of Mrs Charles H. Price II and step daughter of the American Ambassador to the Court of St James's.

Mr T.J. Crane and Miss L.J. Rowles between Timothy John, second soo of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crane, of Barry, South Glamor-gan, and Lisa Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Rowles, of Barry, South

and Miss J.A. Kempton The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Farn, of Nerja, Spain, and Julie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Kempton, of Finchley, London.

and Miss S.L. Allen The engagement is announced between Peter Clayton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Hunt, of Winchmore Hill, North Loodon, and Sarah Lindsay, younger daughter of Colo-nel and Mrs James Allen, of

Mr P.A.E. Littleboy and Miss M.L. Beason The engagement is announ between Peregrine Aidan Eldon younger son of Mr and Mrs C G. Littleboy, of Howe, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, and Mary Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. Benson, of Thornborough, Bedale, North

and Dr C.A. Jones
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Dr and Mrs P. J. F. Nicholson-Lailey, of Baltonsborough, Somerset, and Claudia, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Jones, of Shatton, Derbyshire.

Dr James roster, edger son of Dr and Mrs Robert Foster, of Bembridge, Isle-of-Wight, and Miss Felicity Vaillant, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Charles Vaillant, of West Deaby, Liverpool. sided at the annual dinner held last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, president, Mr M. W. Bateman, vice-chairman, and Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, also spoke. Others present

The Master of the Speciacle Mistery Company, the President of the Association of British Dispensing Opticians. The Cheimson of the Association of Optical Presidents of the Association of Optical Information Cheimson of the Optical Information Cheimson of the Optical Information Council and the President of the British College of Optimisation Opticans (Optionscripts).

Horwath & Horwath (UK) Mr Jooathao Bodlender, iging Director of Horwath & Horwath (UK) and Stoy Hayward, chartered accounhayward, chartered accom-tants, was host at a dinner held at the Reform Clob yesterday to mark the international con-ference, "Tourism in the 1990s", being held this week. Senhor Licinio da Cunha, Sec-retary of State for Tourism of Portugal and Lady Vicas Nico. Portugal, and Lady Vicar Nisa Noon, Chairman of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation, were guests of honour. Among others present

Mr. Li. Hai Rui (National Tourist Administration of Culma), Mr Raymond Foneion (naternational Hotel Association). Mr Gabriel Lee (Countission of the European Communities). Sention Service Peters (University Garriel Peters (International Property of Tourists of Hotels (International Peters (International Peters Institutional Peters Institutional Peters (International Lessure Gridle), and Mr Cautham Khanna (Oberni Hotels, Knide).

Mr Derek Hart, whose long career in radio, television and documentary films began in 1946, and who was a founder the further reputation as an independent producer, writer, and director of documentary films, at first in parmership with Lord Snowdon, making Don't Count The Candles, Love of a Kind, Born to be Small, and Happy Being Happy. The first of these won two Emmy

In the mid-1970s he joined the parliamentary and public affairs consultancy which was to become the Russell Partnership, and made three films for the Red Cross on Lebanon. Africa and Cambodia, which were repeatedly shown all over the world. In the course of ten years he made many highly successful films for different clients, in the process

travelling widely. His interests extended far beyond the confines of his work. He loved music, cricket the arts, horse racing and parties. The qualities which made him such a civilized interviewer had won him many friends. He was both a very sociable and a very private person. Despite serious illness in the

last year of his life be continned to pursue his work and interests with the same perfectionist zeal and enjoyment as ever - occasionally casting an amused and mischievous eye on the difficulties of his old employer, the BBC.

He married, in 1951, the journalist Siriol Hugh-Jones, who died in 1964. Their daughter survives him.

The scientific publications

from his department were

recognized by the Medical

Research Council which, in

1956, established the obstetric

medicine research united in

Aberdeen under his director-

ship. The unit's publications

in the fields of reproductive

physiology, endocrinology, epidemiology and medical so-

ciology quickly established an

The width of his achieve-

ments can be judged by the fact that at least 26 of those

working with him were later

appointed to professorships in the United Kingdom and

Following his official retire-

ment in 1965 he continued his

research interests, and his last

scientific paper, containing

original data, was published

last year. He was a humane,

The application of the Bush

was essential to separate

to analyse dog and monkey

In a sense, he wrote his own

obituary last year in auto-

biographical notes for Ste-

excitement in the science is

explanation of his ideas, was

MR RICHARD

ARMITAGE

curious error in the obituary

of Richard Armitage (Novem-

The name Noel Gray was

intended to be that used by his

father Reginald Armitage (at that time a cathedral organist)

in his capacity as a composer

of popular songs. But he was misheard by his first music

publisher with the result that

he became known as Noci

At the time the mistake was

May I draw attention to a

the basis for his inspiring

colleagues.

ber 20)?

that name.

worked.

J. B. S. writes:

international reputation.

SIR DUGALD BAIRD Professor K. John Dennis resulting in a dramatic reduc-

tion in perinatal mortality in north-east Scotland.

Sir Dugald Baird's interests spanned a greater and more varied field than your obituary (November 18) may have His status as a man of

energy with great powers of analysis and criticism was first recognized nationally in the mid-1930s when the then president of the British Con-gress of Obstetnics and Gynaecology, Sir Eardley Hol-land, cancelled his own address to make way for the young Baird.

sex, and Elizabeth, eldest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Murphy, of Hartington, Bedfordshire. This gave him an opportu-nity to describe the adaptation of the kidneys and bladder in pregnancy and explained why pregnant women were so susperween Simoo Alexander, youngest son of Mr and Mrs S. Pritchard-Smith, of The Cottage, Blackawton, South Devon, and Nicole Astrid-Lisa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. de ceptible to serious and sometimes fatal infections in this

In the 1950s his critical epidemiological approach produced changes in the man-agement of pregnant women man, of great intellect.

DR IAN BUSH The engagement is announced Drs J. F. Tait. FRS, and S. A. this hormone was secreted. between David, elder son of Mr. C. Tait. FRS, units.

The application of the Bush One of the contributions of chromatographic methods Lopdon, and Stephanie, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Dr Ian Bush (November 11) to endocrinology was his studies aldosterone from other steon the nature of the secretions roids and they were then used

of the adrenal cortex. He combined the in situ adrenal perfusates obtained by adrenal perfusion system, pio-him. The engagement is announced between Peter Glenn, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Sargent, of Auck-laod, New Zealaod, and Natasha Clare, younger daugh-ter of Flight-Licutenant and Mrs W. Herridge, of Tickencote Mill, Rutland. neered by Dr Martha Vogt, with his microchemical methods to analyse adrenal secretions. This was the first time roids, where his early this had been accomplished in terms of known individual clear. This, together with his steroids such as corticosterone originality and articulate The engagement is announced between Mark Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael J. Simpsoo, of Sheostooe, Staffordshire, and Susan Rosa-

and cortisol. The most significant work on aldosterone in the 1950s in personal influence on his Britain was to establish that colleagues.

SIR GEOFFREY THISTLETON-

SMITH A. H. writes:

The main responsibility of Mrs E. G. Tanner, of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Anne Penelope, daughter of Mr L S. B. Crosse and the late Mrs J. H. Crosse, of Beacoostield, Buckinghamshire. Geoffrey Thistleton-Smith (November 18) as "Mining Commander" HMS Vernon, from 1940 to 1942, was the safety and reliability of all new underwater weapons except torpedoes. This included depth charges

and the ahead-throwing weap-

ons that were to supplement them, which were all vital to the defeat of the U-boats, as well as moored mines bei laid in barrages, and ground mines for laying by aircraft. In his mid-seventies, he asked my wife to enrol him for a cordon bleu cookery course at the Chichester College of Technology. The supervisor seemed surprised. Is the admiral really serious?" she enquired.

This one will be", was the reply. And, of course, he was top of the class, as, I suspect, he often had been during sublicutenants' courses long November 25. He was 98. ago.

Rita Falk, 1952 Olympic figure-skating champion, who competed under her maiden name of Ria Baran, died on November 12. She was 63.

She and her partner, Paul Falk, whom she later married, won the figure skating event at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. They also won the world title in 1951 and 1952.

Montacute Road, Lewes, East
Sussex, who, as Mr Cyril Plant,
was general secretary of the
Inland Revenue Staff Federation for 16 years and was
chairman of the TUC in 1976,
left estate valued at £184,329

small polygamist border town of Colorado City, died on Johnson and two other families, the Barlows and Jessops, formed, in 1943, the United Effort Plan, a cooperative trust that owns most of the town (pop. 2,000). Their sect holds to the old Mormon polygamist belief,

The Rt Rev John Gilbert Hindley Baker, of Orchard End, Dorking, Surrey, former Assistant Bishop of Guildford, who as Bishop of Hong Kong and Macao from 1966-81 became the first bishop to ordain an English woman to the criesihood, left £218,265 net.

Mr Robert Geoffrey Harton, of Belbroughton. Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued & £943,779.

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not regarded as significant and he continued to be known by Armitage's business dealings were characterized by the strongest integrity, a feature not as common as it should be in the industry in which he

Mr Leroy "Uncle Roy" Johnson, self-proclaimed prophet and leader of the

having separated from mainstream Mormonism in 1890. Johnson is survived by 13 of his 16 wives.

lege, and the Marie Curie Me-morial Foundation.

Latest wills

net. He died intestate.

Mrs Hilda Grace Bainbridge, of
Winchester Road, Worthing
West Sussex, left £85,510 net,
equally between Dulwich Col-

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

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DENETY On November 21st. at the
North Devon District Hospital, to
Georgia and Tim. fise loy of a daughter. Macine Ethesbell. now home at
The Manor. Brackford.

FACKELBAYER On November 25th.
at the Lindo Wing. St Many's Hospital. Fackdogton. to Citivia and Friedl.
a son. Citver James. a son. Oliver James.

FOOTRIT - On the 22rd November, in
Invertees, to Josh (see Scott-Webb)
and Hogh, a son. Alexander James,
LENMARD - On Saturday November
22nd 1966, to Sindy (née Pesido)
and Richard Lennard, a daughter,
Nalesha Léanne, a sister for
Alexander.

REK HAM

adcaster and

a-maker

Alexander.

MARK - On November 23rd, at the
North Devon District. Hospital, to
Selina (nee Filldyard) and Richard, a MARTEL - On 21st November 1986, in Exeler, to Allson, wife of Anthony, a

MARTIN - On 21st November 1986. in Excler, to Alison, wife of Anthony, a son, Richard.

ROCHEZ - On November 19th, to Hazel and Nicholas; a son, Harry, a brother for Charlotte.

SERLIE'S - On November 23rd 1986, to Francesca (nee Fibes) and Phillip, a son, Tom Stephen Keinreih, a brother for Tom Stephen Keinreih, a brother for Paul and Henry.

STITCHER - On November 24th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Penelope and Gregory, a son, Sam. brother to Adam.

THOMPSON - On November 25th, at The Portized Hospital, London, W1, to Venetla Chee Heathcote) and Nicholas, a son, Coarles Frederich, a brother for Simon.

VALUER - On November 24th, at St. Peter's, Chertney, to Jame and Nicholas, twin sons. Simon and Andrew, brothers to James.

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VALUER - On November 24th, at St. Peter's Chertney, to Jame and Nicholas, Thomas's Hospital, to Nicole (nee Anhey Smith) and John, a son, Mathew Edward Ainley, a brother for Williams and Jonafhan.

WALDERSA DAME - On November

for Wilsem and Josephson Market Dr. November 25th, in Kota Kinabahu, to Arme and Gonthier, a son, Nicolas Gonthier.

DEATHS

ASHBY On November 24th 1986, Arthur Lloyds Underwriter, husband of Marjorie, father of Brian and Asim and a much loved grandiather. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Wednesday December 3rd at 12.15 pm, Flowers and all enquiries to F A Holland & Son, Terminus Boad, Littlehampton, Tel 10903) 713939;

BASHFORD On November 22ed, at Plymouth, Philip, husband of Ltz. The Bungslow, Runleigh, Bere Alston, elder son of Alyson and Humphrey.

Humphrey.

81.AKEWAY - On November 24th, suddenly at home. John Denys, dear humband of Jasmine and father of Abys, Sophia and Denys. Enquiries to L. C. Hill & Son, Puneral Directors. Tel: 0747. 860361. "Bold, cautious true and my loving courtade." BOURNE: On November 28th, peace-hilly in hospital, Stafford, aged 86 years. Dearly loved husband of Jane and father of Juny and Edward. Cremation private followed by scat-tering of ashes at see. Please no letters or flowers.

tetters or flowers.

CARD_W-IECHOPLE - On November 19th 1986, at Westminster Hospital, Pivilis, wife of H. C. Cardew-Rendle, of Setwyn Avenue. Richmond-upti-Thames. Cremation has taken place. Richmond-upon-Thames. Cremation has taken place.

DAVIS On November 23, at the Sue Ryder Home, Chelhenham, Mariorie, aged 69, Former Head of Cirencester. School and former Chelman of the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine, Private cremation followed by Thambaghing Service at Cirencester Parish Church at a later date. Donations to the Stan Centre, Ulenwood, Goucestershire.

Goucestershire.

ERREUSON — On November 24th
1986, suddenly at home, 34
Guidhall St. Bury St Edminds,
Adam John Aged 25 years much
loved son of Dupaid and Margaret
Ferguson and grandson or Kathleen
Mary Walson. The tentilem mass

Mary Walson. The requirem mass takes place on Monday December 1st at St Edmunds Church, Bury St Edmonts, at 11am followed by insertment. Flowers or donations if preferred to The British Epilepsy Association, may be sent C/o, L. Folicher Lift. 80 Whiting Street. Bury St. Edmunds.

Fuicher Lini. 80 Whiting Street. Bury St. Edmunds.

80AR On November 25rd. suddenly in London, Gustave Joseph of Lausanne, Switzerland, aged 83, Much loved father of Philip and betweed grandfather of David and bilctusel. Fuseral at Spanish and Portugese Jews Cemetery, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London. NW11. Trursday. November. 27th. at 2.30 pm.

NEBELETHWAITE On 25th November 1986, very suddenly at 121a Bentinck. Drive. Troon. May Anderson. beloved wife of Douglas and fond mother of McCael and Graham. Funeral Service at St Ninian's Episcopal Church. Bentinck. Drive. Troon at 12.30 on Friday 28th November followed by private crevation. Family stovers only.

8158 On November 25th, peacefully in his sleep aged 6 months. Billy dearly loved son of Jay and Docy and brother of Henrietia.

and prother of Henrietta.

IRWIN On 24th November, Graham IrWin, aged 53 years of Burscough, All enquiries please to: John Tyrer & Sons, 7 Mart Lane, Burscough, Tel (0704) 852264.

JANON On November 22nd, in Brussela, Neville, Iornery loved husband of Cea. Funeral has already taken place.

KISHY On 22nd November 1986, suddenly, William (Bill) Kishy, aged 43, much loved husband of Annaick and father of Thomas and Charlotte.

Assembly william (SBI) Acsty, aged
43, much loved husbant of Annaick
and father of Thomas and Chariotic.
Private family Service. Memorial
Service to be held at St. Peter's
Church, March, on Monday 1st December 1986 at 2 pm. Donations, it
desired, may be sent to Cancer Research Campaign. L/o George
Brewin, High Street. March.
Cambridgeshirs.

LAWBOST On November 24th 1986,
peacefully at home after a long itress. Agnes Mary (Mollie) Lawson.
of Fulbourn Manor, Cambridge, aged
79. Funeral at St. Vigor's Church.
Fulbourn on Tuesday 2nd December
at 12 noon. All enquiries to Harry
Williams & Sons. Tel: 0223 3559480.

Lawson. On November 25rd, to hospilat at Sutton after a sudden short
libness. Keith Stanley Nilmano, much
loved faither of Blair, Nell and Stroon.
grandialiter to Lucy, Thomas and
hover faither of Mark.

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Extrabeth, dear father of Jonatian
and Julian. grandpa of Scheotian and
Humphrey. Cremation at Guidden
Crematorium. November 28th at
3 pm. Donations may be sent to.

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Hot/bourne, Atton Hants GUS4 4JA.

OLIVER On 26th November 1985, after a short limes bravely borne.

Margaret Wintfred (nie Gay), need 66 years, beloved wife of Charles and mother of David. Funeral Service will be held on Friday 28th November at 1.23cm at St. Bolobbi's Church, Northfleet, followed by cremation at Medway Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Floral tributes to TS Horlock & Son Lid. 11 The Hill. Northfleet, Kent.

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Cravesend (0474) 352159.

PARSONS - On 22nd November, suddenly and of 1 Chidbeck Close, Astion in Maiserfield, Wigan, Lancashire. Kenneth John in his 62nd, year. Beloved husband of the late Eliel Dorothy (Jo). Dearty loved father of John, Amanda. Susan and Cheryl. A loving father-In-law and a much loved strandad of Nathan. Arron. Claire. Philip. Nicholas, Samantha and Tansy. Funeral Service and cremation will take since on Friday. 28th November in Wigan Crematorium Chabel at 11 am. All enquiries to Middleton & Wood. Gerard House, Gerard Street, Ashion to Makerfield.

Gerard Street, Ashton to Ma Tel: 0942 727159 PEDDIE - On 24th November: peace-fully in hospital, Ronald Peddie CBE: devoted husband of the late Vers and much loved faither and grandfather. Funeral service at St Mars's Church, Wedmore, Somersel on Friday. 28th November 2t, 12 noor. Family flowers only. Dona-tions. If desired, to British Heart Foundation, 102 Choncester Place, London W1H 40H.

ROLEY - On November 24th, after a short limes, Dorothy Margaret (nie Crost) aged 85, devoted mother of Not and grandmother of Alice, Potty and Bentrice, much loved by all who knew her. Funeral at St James's Church, Greet Saling, on December 2nd at 10.30cm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church, Bulmer, at 12.noon. Flowers or donations, to the NSPCC may be sent to, Brown and Feng, Action be sent to, Brown and Feon, Acto Square, Sudbury, Suffolk,

ROSE On November 24th 1986 Frank William O.H.E., J.P., of Worth Court, Worth, Sandwich, Kent, ages SI years, Fruncral private, Memorial Service to be announced later.

Welcome.

WARDELL. On November 24th 1986.

at Chellenham General Hospital.

Gordon Peter Waddell, of Euclieach
and Loddon, barrister at Law and
formerty of Uganda Polico, Dearly
loved by Pippa, Doughts, Murkel and
Eric, Funeral at 2 but on Friday November 28th at St Addrew's Church,
Eastleach, ny Chrencester, Family
flowers only, Donations, if desired,
to Overses Service Pensioners Benevolest Society, 63 Church Road,
Hove, Sosset, BNS 28th.

Walkines - On November 23rd, Bar-tholomew, darling humband, friend and partner of Marymane, beloved father of Josiwa, Sophie and Eather. A Service to be held at Christ Church, Highbury Grove NS, on Fri-day 28th at 2.50 pm. No flowers.

KING Noel Stuart, this Saturday, Woburn Church, at noon. Bookings/ enquives (0908) 79111.

MAXWELL - A Thanksgiving Service will be held for the life and work of William W. Maxwell M.A. S.Eng., at Hampsteed Perish Church, Church, Row. NW3. On Friday 25th November at 12.noon.

PELKINGTON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Hugh Pilkingson. will be held at St. James' Garilcknythe, on Thursday December 4th at 11.30 am.

YOUNG - Dr Carmichael. A Memorial Sarvice for the late Dr Carmichael Young will be held in the Chapel of St. Mary's Hospital. Poddington on Wednesday 3 December at 12.30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

Beetle against beetle in fight to save trees

. By Gareth Huw Davies

Scienosts have pitted an in-ect predator against one of the Grandis remains in time with tost serious scourges of the population of Dendroctorus sect predator against one of the most serious scourges of commercial forestry, the great spruce bark beetle, and they are increasingly confident that their appointed champioo will

The great spruce bark beetle, Dendroctonus micans, is found from Japan to Western Europe.

It was first detected in British plantations in 1982, although it probably arrived 10 years ear-lier. It is now established on a wide front in Wales, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, and Shrop-shire, in plantations of Sitka and Nurway spruce.

The appressive Dendroctorus micans is capable of attacking without needing to establish a breeding colony, particularly when its victim is under stress during long periods of drought.
The great sprace bark beetle's
most dedicated predator is
Rhizophagus grandis, a smaller
beetle found in mainland Europe but not in Britain. For three years the Furestry Commission, in a programme unprecedented to Britain, has been breeding Rhizophagus grandis from stock imported from Belgium under licence and

releasing it.

After the first experimental release of 27 pairs in 1983, the programme was increased with the release of 88,000 insects at 2,400 infested sites, owned by the commission and private

erowers. Grandis was chosen because it attacks no other insect and is the only species capable of reducing Dendroctonus micans to very low levels. Unlike other predators which, as soon as the prey

TAYLOR - On November 24th 1986, peacefully in Guys Hospital, Bernard David, aged 69, Cremation on Monday December 1st 3.20 pm at Honor Cak Crematorium, Brockley Way, SE23, where friends will be welcome.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Science report

The commission's scientists expect the Grandis population to increase sharply, with a potenoal tenfold increase per generation. It breeds at twice the rate of its prey, progressively outpacing it and eventually overwhelming it.

Dr Hugh Evans, principal entomologist at the Forestry Commission, believes Rhizophagus grandis is performing increasingly well. Whereas in 1985 it was present in 50 per cent of the release sites the commission examined, in 1986. commission examined, in 1986, it was being found even in the course of general surveys, when it was not being specifically sought. It is has been found at least two-and-a-half miles from

a given release point Dr Evans is encouraged by the experience from Georgia in the experience from Georgia in the Soviet Union, where, over the past 20 years, Soviet scientists have set four million Grandis beetles on the great spruce bark beetle over 312,000 acres. The pest is now considered under, control.

He sees no reason why the British release programme should not enjoy similar suc-cess. Soviet scientists estimate it takes seven to 10 years for the predator to exert control.

Each beetle costs £2 to rear,

but this initial high costs comshategy of intensive surveys and the felling of infested nees. If the predator continues to do well, releases could soon be suspended and the advance of the Grandis left to take it course.

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Military planners throughout Europe are showing increasing interest in using Britain's revolutionary Hotol space vehicle as a platform for the next generation of super

After a series of top-secret briefings on the project given to Ministry of Defence and Nato chiefs, experts are now convinced that Hotol, designed mainly as a way of putting commercial satellites into orbit, could be used as a virtually practically indestructible weapons launch vehicle.

They believe that the cargo bay of the Hotol could carry independently-targeted missiles or some of the new laser or electro-magnetic space "guns" now being developed for use in the controversial Star Wars defence system.

The increased military interest in the concept could help to guarantee Govern-ment funding for the project which, it is hoped, will be fully tested by the turn of the

Hotol, designed by British Aerospace, will be powered by a revolutionary air-breathing engine called the RB 545, now under development by Rolls-Royce. The engine powers the Hotol from a normal runway and pushes it out of the atmosphere before switching to hurn liquid oxygen while the spacecraft is in orbit.

The original conception of the Hotol was to use it to put satellites into space or repair them at a fraction of the cost of using the existing shuttle or rocket launch vehicle.

The Government has backed a two-year technical feasibility programme, part-funded by industry, worth £3 millinn, which invalves critical component testing of the engine and wind tunnel tests of the spacecraft itself. Both Rolls-Royce and British Aerospace are convinced that work is now going so well that the whole project will be ready for full-scale development within the next ten years.

Before then, however, it could need at least £75 million worth of further research and development and the final bill is expected to be around £4 hillion. The Government is so far unwilling to commit further scarce funds for further research and development. Mr Rifkind called in the never command goodwill."

Stacking up artistic praise and awards



The painters Gilbert and George (in glasses) on the roof of their home in Spitalfields, East London, after winning the Turner Prize. The presentation of the £10,000 award, "for the greatest contribution to art in Britain in the previous 12

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months", is a recognition that their glossy photo-pieces — invariably including the Italian-born Gilbert and his English partner - have, despite their mysterious content, put British art on the map. They received their award at the Tate Gallery,

1,500 will

lose jobs

on Clyde

said the scale of the losses was

staggering when set against levels of unemployment in the

area that were "scandalously

high". He would urgently seek

a meeting with Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State

for Trade and Industry, to demand that Scott Lithgow be

included on the EEC list of

yards qualifying for special

financial assistance when bid-

Sir Simpson Stevenson,

were worse than they

feared. Although the

Provost of Greenock, said the

Scottish Development Agency has sent a task force into the

Port Glasgow area to try and find new sources of industry to

absorb some of the mounting

unemployment, the cold fact is that shipbuilders do not

have skills that readily trans-

fer to the so-called "sunrise"

industries of computing and

electronics which in Scotland

have suffered their own

ding for orders.

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London, on Tuesday night. Recently the retrospective exhibition of the pair, who are still a mystery to the general public, made a great impression on the United States and Europe. (Lost opportunity of the Turner Prize, page 13). Photograph, Nick Rogers

Commons call for security inquiries

Continued from page 1

Director of Public Prosecutions the allegations made in respect of the two named individuals," Sir Michael said. Earlier Mr Alan Williams, shadow deputy leader of the Commons, wrote to Mrs Thatcher demanding to know why she had not taken action. as head of the security services, against staff who the Government knew had leaked information to authors.

"We need a statement from you as custodian of the security of the state on the adequacy or otherwise with which you have fulfilled that

Dr David Owen publicly questioned the political neu-trality of Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, last night, suggesting that his credibility as a Civil Servant was "at a very low ebb" (Our Political Reporter writes).

Interviewed on Radio Four's Analysis programme, the SDP leader said that the Alliance would not be talking to Sir Robert under the so-

called "Douglas-Home Rules", which allow opposition leaders to consult senior civil servants before general elections, because "I can see nothing that (he) could contribute to the debate personally"

• Last night, Mr.Chapman Pincher, the author and journalist at the centre of the row over his book Their Trade is Treachery which was based on information supplied by Mr Wright, attacked the manner in which Lord Rothschild and Sir Arthur "Dickie" Franks have become embroiled in the political con-troversy (Our Whitehall Corr-

espondent writes). He said :"There is absolutely no reason for this.All that happened in his case was that I had certain information that I felt I should pass on to MI6. My contact at MI6 had been Sir Maurice Oldfield, the director-general, but he had died. In the past, when I wanted to speak to Sir Manrice, I used to leave a mess

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Frank Johnson in the Commons

Mail-order spread of lurid motions

demands from Tory MPs for a massive crackdown against bogus points of order. They also wanted him to take action against the growing spread of motions on the public, the Civil Service or order paper which contain scurrilous allegations about people involved with the security services.

The Tory MP's main target was Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour member for Workington, who from an address in Westminster runs a massive business in bogus points of order and hard-core motions. The Tories believe that Mr Campbell-Savours' business corrupts impress-ionable young Labour front

They cite the case of Mr Neil Kinnock, aged 44, a Welsh youth who has been approaching Mrs Margaret Thatcher — a London housewife, aged 61 - and trying to get her to talk about private matters connected with the security services.

The Tories claim that Neil started to indulge in these practices as a result of reading points of order and motions put out by the Campbell-Savours organization. Their view is that the Speaker must act now before more of our kids throw away their lives in

Psychiatrists argue that there is no "causal relationship" between Campbell-Savours' publications and Mr Kinnock's behaviour. They take the view that censorship would be the greater obscenity.

The Tories reply that, in the nature of things, the link between dirty Commons motions and deviant actions in hope to the Tories who want the House cannot be proven, a tougher policy. In case of but that common sense sug-gests that there must be one. Procedure could look into the but that common sense sug-They blame the parents.

Mr Campbell-Savours has for weeks been issuing his points of order at the end of question time. They all contain "explicit material" in the form of a story containing characters with such names as Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir the subject of a reprimand by Roger Hollis and now Lord letter from the Attorney Rothschild. Each point of order ends with a demand to the Speaker that Mrs Thatcher be forced to talk in is nothing to do with me." public about the sort of subjects which are never discussed in the House, let alone by a woman.

Yesterday's Tory protest the Committee of Procedure began when Mr Eric Forth, on his Westminster the member for Mid-Wor- warhouse.

The Speaker, Mr Bernard cestershire, asked the Speaker for guidance as to "the use of a point of order in terms where hon. Members use that point of order wrongly to make accusations and allegations against members of the

other hon. Members. "A lot of us are becomine concerned at the abuse of the House mainly by hon. Members opposite making allegations in the guise of points of

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order." (Tory cheers.)
The Speaker: "Yes, we are getting into the bad habit of raising points of order on nothing to do with the Chair. The whole House will know I am frequently on my feet mouthing the words This is not a matter for me'.

. . it would be m the interests of good order if we stopped it."
Mr Anthony Beaumont-

Dark (Birmingham Selly Oak, C) called for a similar condemnation by the Speaker of lurid motions. He claimed that the order paper was now being used "almost like a mail order catalogue of innuendos and accusations about people outside the

Mr. Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge, C) protested that there was a motion on the order paper which "names Lord Rothschild and accuses him in plain, direct terms of a criminal offence, and was put there by the hon. Member for Workington (Mr Campbell-Savours). . . Is there no vicious or slanderous calumny which can-

not be put on the order without you being able to exercise some control over

The Speaker's reply gave matter, he said, "and I understand that they are seeking to do so.

Amid uproar on the Tory benches, Mr Campbell-Savours rose to insist that his dividuals I named have been he said General."

mysteriously.
The Speaker, "Order, That Last night, Mr Campbell-Savours made it clear that he intended to carry on publishing, pending any swoop by

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen opens the new ight Division Depot of the Royal Greeo Jackets at Flowerdown, near Winchester, 10.57. Princess Alexandra, Dep-uty Colonel-in-Chief, the Light Infantry, attends; and opens the extension of the Royal Hamp-shire County Hospital at Win-

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Play-

1 Bones found in saintly let-ter-writer's home (6).

5 Brooke's English rose wasn't

9 Crew gets hill for bed (4-6).

10 Garment for work in church

11 Rugby player to keep at a

12 One wanting to reduce leg-

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he President's Certificates at Buckingham Palace, 10; as pations at St James's Palace for young people whn have reached the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 11 and 4; attends the annual meeting of the Institute of Sports Sponsorship at Buckingham Palace, 2.30; later he attends the fortieth anniversary dinner of the

ogy, 7.10. Queen Elizabeth the Queeo Mother visits the York Street

4 Lack of spinners upsetting? Exactly (4,2).

5 Unable to win if turn not

enough, perhaps (3,2,3,7).

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7 Concealing store's money

16 Group of companies con-

17 We will shape our course for

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,213

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,214

Cranfield institute of Technol-

ing Fields Association, presents | Chambers of the St Marylebone |

talks on Monday after denouncing the ballot result.

and the public would find

such a course "inexplicable

and unacceptable" given the generosity of his offer.

ditch efforts to persuade the

education service to abide by

the Government's terms were

intended more for public

consumption than to signify

any real willingness to reopen

negotiations on the main

points of disagreement. Mr John Mackay, a junior

Scottish minister, said neither

the cost nor the timing of the package was negotiable, but there was "still a good deal of

Mr Donald Dewar,

Labour's shadow Scottish sec-

retary, said the vote under-

lined the "tragic blunder" the

minister had made by adopt-

ing a "hard line stance".

He added: "Agreement is infinitely preferable to an imposed solution which could

room for maneouvre

But it was clear the last-

He told MPs that parents

The Duke of Gloucester visits the Lincoln College of Technology to mark the occasion of their centenary, t1; and visits St Mary's Guildhall, Lincoln, 2.10. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attend a production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at the Westminster

and Kathryn Stott; Royal Ex-change, Manchester; tpm. Concert by Charles Ramirez

Concert by Bournemouth yraphany Orchestra; Festival Theatre, Paignton; 7.30.

Recital by Carol Williams Street. Farnham, Surrey. Talks

Books — paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of Interesting books published this week:

London: The FT index closed 15.9 up at 1286.3

Deaths: Jacopo Sansovino, sculptor, Venice, 1570; Henry Winstanley, designer of the first Eddystone lighthouse, drowned when it collapsed, 1703; Andrew Meikle, millwright and inventor of a threshing machine. House of a threshing machine, Hous-ton Mill, Dunber, 1811; Eugene O'Neill, Boston, Massachusetts, 1953; Arthur Honegger, composer, Paris, 1955. Tehran conference of Chur-chili, Roosevelt and Stalin,

Charity Christmas cards are now available from the following shops: Bishopsgate Institute, EC2 (Mno to Fri 9.30 to 5.30); Congress House, 23 Russel Street, WC1 (Mon to Fri 9 to 5); 11 Grand Buildings, Northum-berland Ave, WC (Mon to Sat 10 to 6); 107 Fenchurch St. EC3 (Mno to Fri 10 to 6); Kingspate Hsc. 66-74 Victoria St. SW1 (Mon to Fri 10 to 6); 9 Berkeley St. Wt (Mon to Fri 10 to 6).
All these shops are administered by the Charity Christmas Card Chuncil, telephone (01) 242 0546...

Gilbert (Faber, £3.95)
Collected Stories, by Maurice Gee (Penguin, £3.95)
Nine Men Who Laughed, by Austin Clarke (Penguin, £3.95)
NON-FICTION
Cut Stones and Crossreads, by Ronald Wright (Penguin, £3.95)
Here Lies Eric Ambler, an autobiography (Fontana, £3.95)
People and Places, by Richard Cobb (Oxford, £4.95)
Temy Street, by Douglas Durn (Faber, £3.95)
The Penguin Dictionary of Curious and Interesting Numbers, by David Wells (Penguin, £3.95)
Too Funny for Words, by Denys Parsons (Futura, £1.95)

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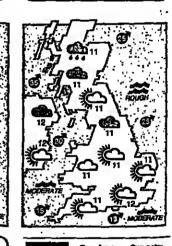
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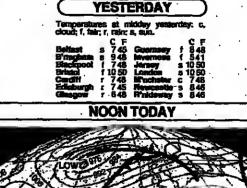
A ridge of high pressure will persist over southern areas WEATHER but fronts will remain near or over the N. North Wales, northern and western Scotland and NW England will be rather cloudy with some rain and drizzle. South Wales, eastern Scotland and England except NW will be mostly dry with some sunny or clear intervals. Winds will be SW moderate or fresh, stronger in the N. It will be mild in most places. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Dry in most places at first but becoming unsettled, mild at first but temperatures near normal otherwise.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.28 pm to 7.09 am Bristol 4.38 pm to 7.19 am Edinburgh 4.18 pm to 7.44 am Manchester 4.27 pm to 7.27 am Penzance 4.56 pm to 7.25 am



PM





Concise Crossword page 14

Housing Association, noon The Prince of Wales launche the Inner Cities Trust and addresses the Building Communices Conference at the Astoria Theatre, 10.30; and later, accompanied by the Princess of accompanied by the Princess ni Wales, attends a dinner to mangurate the Prince's Trust Youth Business Appeal at the Mansion House, 7,20. Princess of Wales

presents the awards for Westminster City Council's Anti-Drug Campaign at the Rock Gardeo Restaurant, Covent

Princess Anne opens the first Shettered/Special Sheltered Housing Scheme to be built by Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater, Somerset, 11.30; and opens the oew indoor riding arena at Sandhill Park Hospital, Bishops Lydcard, Taunton, Somerset, 2 to.

Thearre, Palace Street, Bucking-ham Palace Road, 6.25. am Palace Road, 6.25.
The Duchess of Kent, Colo-

Royal Dragoon Guards annual nfficers' dinner at the Cavairy and Guards Club, 7.45. Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Motor Industry Research Association, attends the annual luncheon at the Londoo Marriott Hotel, noon; and presents the 1986 Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts Chilly Talescaph. of the Arts/Daily Telegraph Awards at the Savoy Hotel

Last chance to see Atimals in Art, prints from 20th century artists; Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums, Schoolhill; 10-8. Music

Concert by Mexborough Mu-sic Centre Orchestra; Saltergate Middle School, Mexborough; Concert by Rosemary Furniss

guitarist; Trinity Arts Centre, Tunbridge Wells, 8. Chocert by Peter Lawson: The Gateway, Shrewsbury, 7.45. Piann Duo by Claire and

Antoinette Cann; Solihali Library Theatre; 1. Piano recital by Enid Katahn; Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester; 2.45pm.

What is the use of the State? by The Right Reverend D E. Jenkins. Bishop of Durham; Newcastle University: 5.30. Turner and the tralian Renaissance, by Cecilia Powell: Whitworth Art Gallery: Man-

A Maggot, by John Fowles (Pan. 23.50)

Best Detective Stories of Cyril Hare, chosen and introduced by Michael Gilbert (Faber, 23.95)

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Births: Aoders Celsios, astronomer, inventor of the centigrade thermometer, Upp-sala, Sweden, 1701; Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel 1949-52, Motol, Russia, 1874

The North: M1: Lane closures between junctions 31 and 33 Worksop/Rotherham). M18: Contraflow between innetions 1 and 2 (Rotherham) and between junctions 6 and 7 (Thome/M62). M63: Various lane closures and restrictions at Barton Bridge, Greater

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Information supplied by AA

Christmas mail

Today is the latest recom-mended posting date for Christ-mas surface mail to France. A leaflet Christmas Mail 1986 giving details of latest recommended posting dates for Christmas mail by air and surface is avilable from post offices.

Parliament today ns (2.30): Criminal Jus-

tice Bill, second reading.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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Mercury shares jump 40p

Shares in Mercury Inter-national, the merchant banking and securities group, rose by 40p yesterday, one day before it publishes its first interim results since the full group was formed in March. group was formed in March.
The price move, which sent
the shares from 388p to 428p,
prompted speculation that Mr
Saul Steinberg, the American
arbitrageur, had been enlarging his stake in Mercury. Mr Steinberg holds close to 14 per

cent of the company. However, the buying was probably more widely spread. It looks as though other investors may be jumping on Mr Steinberg's band-wagon, hoping the price has further to go," said Mr Rod Barrett of stockbroker Hoare Govett. Analysis expect today's re-

sults to show profits after tax of slightly more than £30

250,000 seek gas shares More than 250,000 com-

oleted share application forms for British Gas had arrived by last night after a day which saw the "grey" market price at which gas shares could be sold

slip by 3p to 58p. Meanwhile, 11 firms have registered with the Stock Ex-change as market-makers and listing early next year. The company is likely to be valued more are expected before tonight's deadline. ing since 1973, when the consortium, under the chair-

Offer lapses

The Lloyd's broker PWS has formally announced the lapsing of its £173 million offer for fellow broker C.E. Heath. This follows the Heath shareholders' decision last week to back their board's acquisition of Fielding Insur-

BP for Tokyo BP intends to apply for a listing on the Tokyo Stock

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Exchange in the first half of next year after publication of Magnet up 71%

Magnet and Southerns, the vertically integrated timber and do-it-yourself group, yesterday announced pretax profits up 71 per cent to £20.7 million. Turnover increased from 28 per cent to £153.8 million. An interim dividend of 2.2p was declared. Tempes, page 26

Profit rises

Kwik Save Group, the North of England supermarket chain, revealed pretax profit up 17.4 per cent to £42.2 million on turnover up 11.8 per cent to £795 million for the 52 weeks to August 30. The dividend was increased by 1.2p to 6p net.

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INTEREST RATES London: Bank Base; 11% 3-month interbank 11%-11%% 3-month eligible bills: 10²³5-¹¹16 Federal Funds 5% %* 3-month Treasury 88% 5.38-6.36%* 30-year bonds 1007°ss-100%*

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£5.6bn payments deficit expected

Fall in jobless total forecast

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The National Institute for Unemployment is forecast to conomic and Social Refall to 2.94 million by the end Economic and Social Research predicts a strong rise in of next year. output and a drop in un-employment to below three

million next year in its latest-

But this good news for the economy will be accompanied

statement earlier this month.

billion - assuming the elec-tion does not intervene - in

This fiscal expansion, to

gether with the fall in the

pound that has already taken

place, will produce stronger

growth next year, the Institute

Manufacturing output, after

a modest 0.1 per cent rise this

year, is expected to increase by 3.6 per cent next year, partly

due to the strength of exports.

Capital

goes to

market

By Teresa Poole

largest independent radio sta-tion, yesterday announced plans for a full stock market

at more than £11 million.

Capital has been broadcast-

Attenborough, won the London radio entertainment

franchise. Its advertising rev-

of all independent radio sta-

tions and it has built up an

sale of shares is unlikely to raise new money for Capital.

Mr Nigel Walmsley, man-aging director of Capital, said: "We have always promoted strong links with London's

community, and wide owner-ship is in line with our

declared intention to go public at the time of our last Indepen-

dent Broadcasting Authority

Pretax profits for the year to

September, due next month; should be almost double the er, due next month,

fited recently from reductions

in the Exchequer Levy and a rebate on the primary rental

The non-voting shares are to be enfranchised for the sale.

The largest voting share stake, 28.5 per cent, changed hands this year when the Australian-

owned Paul Ramsay Broad-casting (UK) took over Standard Broadcasting Cor-

paid to the IBA.

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re-appointment."

Business Correspondent Capital Radio, Britain's

the spring of 1988.

Economic Review.

the institute says.

However, owing to the large current account deficit, over-all economic growth is fore-cast at only 2.4 per cent next year, virtually unchanged from this year's 2.5 per cent. by a £5.6 billion balance of payments deficit and a rise in inflation to nearly 6 per cent, The institute's prediction for the current account is noticeably more gloomy than the Treasury's and the major-ity of other outside forecasters'. After a £5.6 billion

The institute, which has tended to take a gloomy view of the economy under the present Government, is en-The Government's less of couraged by the extra public spending announced by the Chancellor in his autumn control over public spending will mean that the basic rate of income tax will go back above 30 per cent after the election, It also expects Mr Lawson says Phillips & Drew, the to adhere to his previous plans and cut taxes by £2 billion in

The next Budget will probably include a cut in the basic rate to 27 per cent from the present 29 per cent, it the next Budget and by £4 present 29 per cent, it says in its latest Economic

But this will be the last giveaway Budget for some time.
"The question for the medium term is not how soon taxpayers will enjoy 25p in the por said Mr Bill Martin, the firm's chief UK economist. "Rather, it is whether they will escape a rate well above 30p; whatever political party is in power."

deficit next year, it expects a £7.2 billion deficit in 1988; the Treasury's forecast is for a £1.5 billion deficit next year. It

has not yet published a fore-cast for 1988. The Institute is less optimistic than the Treasury on invisible earnings, expecting a £7 billion surplus next year ainst the official forecast of £9 billion. It also expects a higher rate of import penetration than the Treasury. The forecast on inflation -

5.75 per cent in the fourth quarter of next year - com-pares with the Treasury's projection of 3.75 per cent. This is mainly due to higher import prices as a result of the pound's fall. The Economic Review con-

tains new medium-term projections based on both Conservative and Labour policies. Labour's proposed public spending expansion, together with cuts in employers' national insurance contributions and extra measures for the long-term unemployed. should reduce unemployment below two million, according to the institute. But the per alty would be a sharp rise in inflation to more than 10 per cent and a big balance of payments deficit.

Comment, page 25 Farmers help trim

US trade deficit From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US trade deficit, which has held back economic growth, narrowed to \$12.1 bilion in October in the third consecutive monthly decline. US Commerce Department officials say the October defi-

cit was the best trade performance in 14 months on an unrevised basis, compared with the September unrevised figure of \$12.6 billion. But on a revised basis, the September deficit was sharply higher at \$14.7 billion.

manship of Sir Richard The new figures show an encouraging pattern of rising exports which increased to enne accounts for about a fifth \$19.3 billion, up from \$17.5 billion the month before. Exports of manufactured audience of more than 3 million a week. The offer for goods and farm products, two sectors of the economy which have been particularly hard hit by the high dollar, rose last

month. But the deficit for the year is monetheless running at a required he said, Japan and record pace of \$167.9 billion, Europe would have to share already larger than the record deficit last year of \$148.5 bil-lion, officials said.

Despite the improved export performance, imports also continued to rise, increasing to \$31,4 billion last month from \$30.1 billion in October. The persistent high level of imports, in the wake of the falling dollar, suggests that consumer preferences for foreign products remained strong in important sectors of the

A new study by the Wash-International Economics, concluded that there must be drastic reductions in the US trade deficit over the next few years of about \$150 billion to avoid major disruptions in the global economy. Mr Fred Bergsten, the

institute's director, said a new global recession is possible by 1988 unless these large adjustments are made. But to reduce the US deficit by the amounts the bulk of the corresponding trade deterioration in other

Maxwell raises AE cash offer

motive engineering group, af-ter two days of consultations with institutional sharehold-

The new offer of 280p per share adds £20 million to the price Hollis is willing to pay for AE. The share swap offer of 7 Hollis shares for 2 AE shares remains unchanged and values AE at £290 million. Hollis foreshadowed the increase in its terms last Friday,

Hollis, Mr Robert Max-well's timber group, has con-firmed its intention to raise its cash offer for AE, the autohad enough backing but re-fused to be more specific.

Mr Maxwell's company, which is much smaller than AE, says these terms are final unless there is a counterbid by a third party. The stage is now set for a straight fight between Hollis

and Turner & Newall, whose final offer closes on December 5. No closing date has yet been fixed for the Hollis offer. Mr Maxwell's master com-

Sir Christopher: "Na question of our pulling out"

Courtaulds stays in SA

Courtanids, which announced a strong increase in

profits yesterday, has no intention of joining the

international exodus from South Africa. Sir Chris-

topher Hogg, chairman, said: "There is no question of

our pulling out of South Africa. We do not feel that

we have anything to be ashamed about in our operation

there." Courtanids owns two-thirds of a South African

wood pulp business, Saiccor. Courtaulds' pretax

profits rose 35 per cent to £82 million on turnover 4 per

cent higher at £1096.9 million. Comment, page 25

pany, Pergamon, holds almost its share offer is worth 295p 11 per cent of AE while Hollis per AE share if the right to can speak for a further 0.5 AE's final dividend is taken

T&N commands slightly less than 30 per cent of AE, acquired in its first bid which failed narrowly in September, Before Mr Maxwell raised his cash offer, T&N said holders of a further 14 per cent of AE shares were inclined to accept its own terms. It would

not re-affirm this statement yesterday. Financially, the rival offers are not far apart. Hollis claims

into account.

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T&N meanwhile put a price of up to 285p on its own offer by which accepting AE shareholders can elect to reand cash.

AE also confirmed its fore cast of £28 million profits for the year to end September and is bringing forward the announcement date to Mon-

CBI sets up City link task force By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A top-level task force executive of Allied-Lyons, Sir

leading business figures has been established by the Confederation of British Industry in a page and the confederation of dustry in a new attempt to bridge the deep rifts between manufacturing industry and the City of London.

The new group, to be chaired by Mr David Nickson, president of the CBI, has been given a year by the policy-making CBI Council to come up with radical ways to bring the country's industrial and financial sectors together and to "improve the longer-term performance and international competitiveness of British industry."

Mr Nickson, chairman of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, described the initiative as "the single most important event in my presidency."

Members who have so far agreed to serve on the task orce include Mr Ian Butler, chairman of the Cookson Group, Sir John Clark, chairman and chief executive of Plessey, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, chairman and chief

Aerospace, Mr Alan Stote, group chief executive of the BTS Group, and Mr Ronald Utiger, chairman of Tl. Leading financial figures on

the committee are Mr Ian Hay Davison, former chief executive of Lloyd's of London and now chairman of Arthur Andersen, Mr Ron Artus. group chief investment manager of the Prudential, Mr Ferrier Charlton, senior part-ner at Linklaters and Paines, Mr Robin Fox, vice-chairman of Kleinwort Benson, Mr George Gwilt, managing director of Standard Life Assurance, Mr Hugh Jenkins. group investment director of Allied Dunbar Assurance, Mr Richard Lloyd, chief executive and deputy chairman of Hill Samuel, Mr John Quinton, deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, and Mr R A Stormonth-Darling, chairman

of Alexanders Laing and

Panel 'operating system of no law'

Prudential-Bache claimed in the Appeal Court yesterday that it was 'very undesirable' for the City Takeover Panel to be outside the control of the

Their counsel, Mr Jeremy Leaver Q C, accused the Panel

"They have a corpus of rules which are administrative and which have many of the characteristics of legal rulings. But they don't have the redeeming features of the legal system," said Mr Leaver.

In a case which could have Donaldson are being asked to deal with the matter.

review decisions of the Panel. Mr Leaver is asking them to overturn the refusal of High Court judge Mr Justice Hodg-son on Tuesday to give them leave to seek judicial review of

Mr Justice Hodgson ruled

American securities house examine the court's powers to

of operating a "system of no law" as the City's self-regulating body.

Pru-Bache is advising Datafin, a company formed by an element in the McCorquodale printing group favouring a management buyout of the company.

They want to challenge the Panel's rejection of their claim last Monday that supporters of the Norton Opax bid for McCorquodale had hroken the Panel's rules.

wide implications for the fu- that the Panel was not a public ture of City self-regulation, law body whose decisions three Appeal Judges led by were open to judicial review Master of the Rolls Sir John and he had no jurisdiction to

News Int to develop Fleet St offices By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

News International, which All of News International's in the area is £32 a sq ft. But towns The Sun, News of the titles are now printed at rents are rising rapidly as World, The Times and Sun-Wapping, East London, leavday Times, is to develop

275,000 sq ft of offices on the ite of the News of the World Fleet Street, in a development which could be worth close to £936,000 made in the previous year on turnover of £17.5 £100 million. million, Capital, with all in-

News International, whose hairman is Mr Rupert Murdoch, received full planning permission for the redevelop-ment of the Fleet Street and Bouverie Street site from the City of London Corporation

Wapping, East London, leav-ing behind the valuable Fleet Street site. News International is likely to put the site out to building, fronting London's competitive tender by developers in what is now a booming office market fuelled

by Big Bang. The new building will retain the existing Fleet Street frontage and create an arch through to the new seven-storey offices which could be on the market

The top office rent achieved

firms of accountants, lawyers and financial conglomerates demand larger offices which they cannot find in the Square

The Daily Telegraph, which has sold its printing site in Fleet Street, and other papers, such as the Daily Mail and the Daily Mirror, want to capital-ize on their sites now that newspaper production is moving away from Fleet Street to London's Docklands and

Institutions offered shares in Sherwin Pastoral

A stake in the big country By Richard Lander ROPERTIES OF SHERWI PASTORAL COMPANY

500 miles

Owning a share in British Gas is one thing buying a stake m a land mass half the size of Britain is something else entirely. That is what is on offer to

British institutions this week from the Sherwin Pastoral Company of Australia. The group owns no less than 72,605 square km (28,361 sq miles) of land in the Northern Territory and Queensland, most of it hot, dry, dusty and bounded by any college has bounded by an endless ho-rizon. It is the part of the world where the local doctor arrives in an aircraft and children take their lessons

over the airwaves. Of more interest to potential investors is that the land provides a home for 303,794 cattle (as of April 30, 1986) of which some 73,420 will make their way this year to the abbatoir and thence to dinner tables in Australia and overseas as lean beef. Sherwin is now raising
Put simply, Sherwin is the A\$50 million (£2.27m)
higgest cattle business in through a public offer on the
Australia and one of the Australian stock exchanges, of

who looks far more at home in a cowboy hat than businessman's suit. Mr Sherwin prides himself on the cost-efficiency of his operation, which employs just 200 people - less than one person for every 1,500 cattle even during the busiest time of the year. After breakneck expansion

of both land and animals,

years by Mr Peter Sherwin, a the Far East, the United States

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

S AUSTRALIA Hamson Hoare Govett, the Australian stockbrokers.

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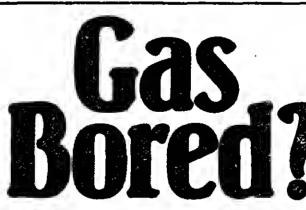
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Most of the money will be used to pay off debt that was racked up as the company built up its land bank. High interest rates have meant that payments to the bank have swallowed up most of the pretax profits in recent years. However Sherwin is forecasting pretax profits of A\$16.2 million in 1987 against A\$2.19 million in the 10

months to April 1986. A rather more optimistic estimate by its brokers puts biggest in the world. It has which some 40 per cent is the company on a prospective been built up over the past 28 being touted to investors in price earnings ratio of 5.6 at the \$A1 offer price with a 9.5 quietly-spoken 55-year-old and Britain through McIntosh per cent dividend yield.

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A new round of takeover

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Declines led advances six to charges of conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud five on 38 million shares while and obstruction of justice. He the Standard & Poor's 500-

Little cost' in closing N-plants

By Teresa Poole Business Correspondent

More than half of Britain's 16 nuclear power stations could close over the next three years with minimal effect on electricity supply and costs. according to an independent report, published yesterday.

It says that the closing of all nuclear power stations by the year 2000 would put up electricity costs by no more than 10 per cent and would create more jobs in the coal industry than would be lost in the nuclear power industry.

The report, commissioned by the all-party Coalfield Communities Campaign, lonked at the range of options for closing nuclear power sta-

It accuses the Central Electricity Generating Board of being "misleading" in its assessment of phasing out nuclear power.

The report, by Mr Stephen Fothergill, lecturer in economics at Reading University, says that there was adequate spare capacity for the nine ageing Magnox power stations to be closed by 1990.

The newer advanced gas-cooled reactors could not be phased out over the same imescale without fears of power cuts, but could be replaced by three coal-fired stations by the end of the century.

Phasing out nuclear power

completely would demand a programme of investment in the coal industry to increase capacity by 25 million tonnesa. year by the year 2000. This would create 40,000 jobs compared with the 30,000 that would be lost.

Extra costs to the electricity industry would arise mainly because of the need to bring forward investment in new power plants, the decommissioning of nuclear plants and the higher running costs of coal stations.

Mr Fothergill attacks the CEGB's own forecasts of a 50 per cent increase in generating costs as created by "bogus accounting methods and duSurplus must be cut, says minister

Channon in Japan clash

Leading Japanese business-men gave the visiting Sec-retary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Paul Changon, an unexpectedly rough ride in Tokyo yesterday after he told them that Japan must show it is serious about reducing its huge trade surplus.

Mr Channon said that Japan had to take equal responsibility with the United States and the European Community to smooth out the dangerous imbalances in world trade.

He told industrialists and financiers from Keidanren, Japan's main business federation, that Japan's promise to stimulate its economy through domestic-led growth and not exports was welcome but that there had to be action on it.

But Mr Eishiro Saito, chairman of Keidanren, fresh from a European tour and personal meeting with the Prime Min-ister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, said that Japanese progress in opening its markets appeared slow only to an outsider.



Paul Channon: given a tough reception in Tokyo

Sony, also leapt to Japan's defence. He said that recent Japanese progress had been extremely rapid.

Mr Channon said that Japan's surplus, forecast at about \$90 billion (£63.4 billion) this year, was partly because of Japanese ef-

Mr Akio Morita, the head of ficiency, but also because of economic and trade policies no longer appropriate to a country of Japan's strength and maturity.

Mr Channon cited continuing unfair Japanese taxes on wines and whisky, attempts to lock out foreign goods by imposing unreasonable stan-

ing in the investment trust

movement should be gone

His report also predicts takeover bids for investment

trust companies by American

groups.

"The inflox of the very large
American groups into the UK
markets leads to a conclusion

that it is only a question of

time before they seek to

augment both their assets base

and their influence by bidding

overseas financial companies in lucrative Japanese financial

markets. He pointed out that Japa nese banks had 31 per cent of international business in London while foreign banks had less than 3 per cent in

Tokvo. Mr Yoshitoki Chino, head of Daiwa Securities, compared British finance poorly with American operations in Japan. He complained that British companies did not hire enough local people and British financiers rarely spoke any Japanese.

Mr Channon ackowledged that more had to be be done, but he noted that there would be more British companies in the financial sector if Japanese licences were easier to obtain.

He warned the Japanese to take care of the reciprocity clause in Britain's new Financial Services Bill, which will come into force next year. Mr Channon also noted that all countries suffered in Japan

sets its sights

PROPERTY

ABPH

Associated British Ports Holdings, the docks com which was privatized in 1983 is intent on transforming its enormous land holdings into profit exmers to boost its

earnings per share. Sir Keith Stuart, the chairman of ABPH, is keen to exploit the potential of his 2,500 acres of developable land, a process which has been under way since privatization swept aside restrictions on the

ports, opening the way for property development. But, he says: "I don't know when or whether property will equate to or exceed profits from the ports services. Property will become more inportant but I do not regard the ports as over-mature in growth

The latest step in the evolu-tion of ABPH from the nationalized British Transport Docks Board has been to make an all-share bid for Grosvenor Square Properties, a USMquoted company set up Mr Paul Marher, formerly at Hammerson Property and Investment, one of Britain's largest developers.

Grosvenor Square met the ports services company's cri-teria: it has a helty development programme for a com-pany worth about £15 million and gives ABPH the in-house property development expertise it does not have. ABPH's all-share offer

looks to be at a high premium to Grosvenor Square's last stated net asset value of 540 per share. But the real asset value is nearer the offer price, which valued Grosvenor Sqmare's shares at 120p each on the night before the bid was made public. ABPH, which is in the

fortunate position of having a

Stone Johnson, in Michigan, was hit by a six-week strike which resulted in losses

tain its interim and final dividends.

Stone Int expects £2m loss

By Our City Staff Stone International expects to make a pretax loss of £2 million in the six months to November 30, but a profit of £5 million in the second half. The main reason for the first-half loss is attributed to problems with a large export order at the British transport

division in Crawley, Sussex. Stone says the problem has been resolved and deliveries under the contract will be completed before this financial year ends. The British boiler business had less orders, caused by the

fall in oil prices. In the second half its performance will be improved by increased production of pressure vessels. At present, these account for half the order book.

of £500,000. The group expects to main-

million (1.6 cents a share) for quarter to September 30 on gold

dividend 1.9p, making 3p (2.8) for year to October 31.

SCOTT GREENHAM GROUP: The company has acquired the business of Farmer

Cabines from the receiver of S W. Farmer for more than £800,000 cash.

· NORCROS: The company

announces the merger of Butterley Engineering and John Smith (Keighley). The new com-pany will trade as Butterley Engineering.

 AMAX: The company has completed the acquisition of the outstanding common stock in-terest in Alumax which it did

not already own and which was held by Mitsui and Co (USA)

and Nippon Steel (USA),

healthy income stream from the ports services and being ail geared, would re-finance some of Grosvenor Square's expensive borrowings. The property company's portfolio comprises £35 million of schemes for-ward-funded with institutions. Limited recourse loans exist

on £15 million of the portfolio, including one of its high profile schemes, the re-development of the London Pavilion in Piccadilly Circus with Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant chain.



Sir Keith Stuart: 'property Grosvenor Square's office

Road is under offer. as the ink is dry on the lease, Mr Marber said, "but now we will have the time to consider what to

That is certainly a view shared by Sir Keith: "Our cash flow is so strong that we don't need to sell land and developments. We can take

the long view."

ABPH's share price has increased by five times since the flotation and earnings per share will be improved by the property arm and by increasing profitability from the ports profitability from the ports. services, which Sir Keith says

Judith Huntley Commercial Property Correspondent



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NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT

Broker calls for an end to 'soft option' board jobs By Cliff Feltham A demand for non-exec-tive directors to play a more the highly competitive postevery three months with very little idea of what was happen-

Big Bang era will bring greater

mance on investment trust

managers.
It says that they must be free

to make decisions without

being held back by boards

utive directors to play a more active role in the affairs of pressures to improve perforinvestment trusts is made in a report on the sector by Alexanders Laing Cruickshank, the broker.

It says: "There are still, unfortunately, a number of groups where the day-to-day managers in the front line find their expertise is limited by boards which are not au fait with the realities of the present day investment trust sector." The report - the Investment Trust Companies Yearbook,

short-term export finance yes-

terday prompted Barclays

Bank to launch a new range of

short-term export finance

The Tradeline and Trade-

largely composed of inexperienced non-executive directors who consider their jobs a "soft

Mr Ted Sellers, an analyst, says: "The days of the oldstyle non-executive director who travelled up to town once

Barclays launches export schemes

porter non-recourse 100 per cent finance on credit terms of up to 180 days, backed either by an ECGD short-term insur-

Competition to provide antee which is to be phased out by next October.

The schemes give the exflow packages are designed to ance policy or by Barclays' replace the Export Credits own ECGD policy.

Guarantee Department's Since the decision last year-

Comprehensive Bank Guar- to abolish the ECGD's

scheme, many banks and specialist companies have introduced their own products.

for trusts."

forever.

Barclays is stepping up its attempts to take a larger share of export trade. For the first time it will market its finance packages through branches around the country, backed up by the 20 international services branches.

> COMPANY NEWS TECHNOLOGY • AUSTWHIM SOURCES: Profit Aus\$1.01

INVESTMENT TRUST: Figures for six months to September 30 in £000. Interim 0.5p (same), pay January 2. Income from fixed asset investments from fixed asset investments franked was 2,034 (1,949). unfranked was 2,451 (2,907). Other interest receivable and similar income: bank interest 859 (922), underwriting commission 20 (32), interest payable debenture 25 (25), bank currency loans 1,341 (1,674), administration 588 (450), revenue before tax 3,428 (3,680). corporation tax 511 (657), imputed tax on franked income £1,886,932 of stock.

• MONK INVESTMENT 595 (584), earnings per share 1.04p (1.09p). Net asset value of indinary shares after deducting ordinary shares after deducting prior charges are at par 148.4p (111.9p). The company says that investments in the US at September 30 represented 42 per cent of the total portfolio but exposure to the dollar was only 37 per cent. However, since the end of the half year, \$12m of borrowings had been repaid increasing the fund's exposure to the dollar to 39 per cent.

SEKERS INTERNATIOAL: Figures for six ix months, to 31. Gross investment income 2,282 (1,696), income from investment and interest receivable 2,209 (1,692), other income 73 (4), revenue before tax 1,934 (1,401), tax 622 (486), earnings per share 1.69p (1.18). Net asset value 286.4p (258.2).

MAITLAND MINING: The company will not go ahead with the partial takeover bid for Southern Resources.

• SEKERS INTERNATIOAL:
Figures for six ix months to September 30 in £000. Interim 0.9p (0.85p), aggregate value of sales to customers outside the group were 10,097 (9.741) while operating profits rose to 962 (911). Interest paid 240 (280), profit before tax was 722 (631), tax was 252 (259), profit attributed was 470 (372), carnings per share 4.80p (3.80p). The board remains confident about the outcome for the full year.

outcome for the full year. • REXMORE: Interim dividend 0.44p (0.4p). The Six months to September 27 with figures in £000. Turnover increased to 16,639 (13.990) on operating profits of 697 (612). Pretax profits was 398 (314), tax was 67 (31), earnings per share was 2.6p (2.17p). The board has increased the interim dividend and will review the final pay-ment in the light of the results

FLEMING UNIVERSAL TRUST: Results for six months to September 30 in pounds. The to September 30 in pounds. The Directors anticipate that the final results for the year to March 31 1987 will not be less than 0.90p making 1.50p for the year. Gross income from franked dividends was 278,300 (348,185), while for unfranked dividends it was 747,093 (839,624), tax was 305,526 (473,872), preferential dividend was 17,850 (17,850), revenue available 596,557 (780,004), earnings per share 0.91p (1.19p adj). The 1985 figures have been adjusted to reflect a capitalisation issue in July of two new ordinary shares for each share held.

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SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS (Year ended 30th September, 1986)

	£'m	£m
Gross rents and other income	162.3	136.7
Profit before taxation	58.4	51.6
Taxation	19.1	17.9
Profit attributable to		<u> </u>
ordinary shareholders	39.2	33.2
Earnings per ordinary share	16.3p	15.6p
Net dividends per share	11 . 5p	10.5p
Net assets per share diluted	440p	415p

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The Contract

halving the bottom rate from 10.5 to 5 per cent;
abolishing relief nn interest for small savers;

introducing capital gains

tax; and
introducing VAT.
The finance Bill now going

through the French Par

liament provides for the aboli-

tion of the tnp two tax rates of

65 per cent and 60 per cent and a new top rate of 58 per

The British Government

has already reduced both the

top rate and the basic rate and removed some of the exemp-

tions, such as life assurance premium relief, while widen-ing the VAT base. All these are

tunes which are now being

played in other countries, but

in Britain the process of reform has been brought al-most to a standstill by election

commitments and the pres-

seas have perhaps four im-plications for Britain.

These developments over-

First, the case for taxes on

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spending rather than income

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VAT or its equivalent are

considering introducing one.

as in New Zealand, they are

Second, although there are

still very large exemptions for

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tax argues for the Lawson

mark one approach of remov-

ing exemptions on savings

Third, there is some case on

grounds of international

competitiveness for reducing

the top rate of income tax

and/or a minimum tax to

by reference to reforms

Finally, although the basic

rate extends over a much larger proportion of the population in Britain than

elsewhere, it does represent a

higher starting point for tax

than in practically all compet-

itor countries. Reducing it ought to have first call on any

resources available for tax

rather than adding to them.

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(ECONOMIC VIEW) How Britain can regain first place in the tax reform game

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Mrs Thatcher last week commented that Britain has to compete with other countries on salaries, laboratory facil-ines and the Tower of

She was talking about the top rate of income tax, which she would like to bring down from 60 to 50 per cent. But the same is true of many other aspects of the tax system.

Multinational companies have always located their operations partly with an eye to the rate of tax on profits. More generally, a country with a relatively simple, non-dis-tortionary personal tax system, which favours incentives rather than social engineering. may be a more attractive place in which to do business than a country where rates are high and some economic activities are favoured at the expense of

The world is presently intessing an astonishing epidemic of interest in tax

In addition to the significant reforms recently passed into law in the United States. West Germany is preparing a package of tax cuts for implementation after the election, France is in the process of removing its two top rates of income tax, the Japanese government is considering the report of a government advisory committee recommendiog far-reaching how best to match the change in the US regime, both Australia and New Zealand have

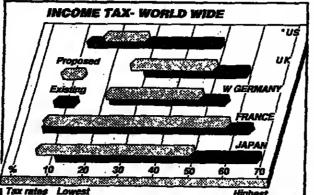
introduced a form of VAT, Denmark and Norway are bringing down their top rates, and even Ireland shows signs of beginning to consider seriously the recommendations of London, but also on its tax its long-standing committee on tax reform.

Our own Government must clearly ask itself what implica-tions the radical changes in tax regimes overseas hold for its own ambitions in the tax reform area. In particular, is it still right to spend most of any scope for tax cuts on implementing the reform of family taxation?

Most of the tax reform proposals have some common themes. They seek to cut income tax rates and to finance this by widening the base over which tax is charged and by extending sales taxes like VAT.

In the US, for instance, the new structure reduces 14 separate rates ranging from 11 to 50 per cent to only two of 15 per cent and 28 per cent. As Mrs Thatcher has remarked. this brings the top rate of federal tax in the US down below the basic rate in Britain, but the comparison is mis-leading as it excludes income taxes levied by the states - 44 out of the 51 states of the union add anything up to 14 per cent on top of federal income tax. A few cities levy income tax too, so people living in New York, for instance, pay not only federal income tax but income tax to New York State and to New

York City as well. The conjuring trick of cut-



increasing the deficit is performed by removing many tax exemptions and switching \$120 billion (£84.5 billion) of the tax burden from individ-

uals to companies. Some of the principal allowances being eliminated are: interest on personal bor-

 state and local sales taxes: • the first \$100 of dividends: two-earner married couples who received a 10 per cent deduction; losses from passive tax

shelters except against other passive income; payments on Individual Retirement Accounts for higher rate payers unless oot covered by occupational schemes; and

• 100 per cent of business meals and entertainment expenses, which in future relief will be limited to 80 per cent. Mortgage interest relief on both first and second homes

stays, but for the wealthy a introduced to limit the effiting tax rates without seriously cacy of tax shelters. The • a cut in the top rate of

effective tax rate on long-term capital gains is raised from 20

to 28 per cent.

Reform proposals in other countries, being less advanced, are not as well defined at any rate in public. The West German government has proposed income tax cuts of DM20-DM30 billion (£7-£10 billion) in 1988. Although no details are being formally revealed ahead of the election on January 25, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Minister of Finance, has made little secret that in his view the framework

should be: • a cut in the top rate of and where they have done so, income tax from 56 per cent to about 48 per cent

a cut in the bottom rate levying it over a very broad range of goods, including food and children's clothing. from 22 to 20 per cent; a partial offset by lowering tax subsidies to industry; and the balance of the cost to be

offset by higher excise duties specific types of saving, such on petrol and tobacco. as mortgage interest relief on The Japanese government housing in the US, the thrust is now mulling over the report of most reforms is to tax savings. Neutral treatment of savings can be achieved either by taxing them all equally or

minimum tax of 21 per cent is of an advisory committee, which proposes

Courtaulds may be set to come out fighting

he Courtaulds story - Seven Lean Years - has still to be written but in essence it has three remarkable themes: the herculean labour of removing the dross in the legacy of Lord Kearton and Sir Arthur Knight; the reshaping and reinforcing of the valuable businesses that were also part of the legacy; and the halving of a labour force of 120,000.

Preferring, wisely, to tackle these huge tasks with the minimum of publicity, Sir Christopher Hogg and his management team have done an incredible job. It may look as if turnover bas been static and that the improvement in profitablity has come by squeezing more out of the same old businesses. In reality, Courtaulds has dropped around £500 million of turnover since 1979 and replaced it with other sources of business in mainly higher quality, less

volatile areas. The time has come to push np the periscope and look ahead. The significance of the creation last month of an executive committee comprising four board members, including the chairman, to study performance and the future of the group should not be

missed. To make an acqusition because the market waots it is obviously not sound business practice if the facts dictate otherwise. Nevertheless, the psychological effect internally and externally of Courtaulds taking a more aggressive approach could be dramatic.

Three years ago, the group raised more than £70 million by way of a rights issue, mainly with the view to expanding in the United States. An opportunity failed to materialise but there are rumours that Courtaulds may be about to buy the acryllic business of the US company, Cyanamid.

With gearing set to fall to below 9 per cent of sharebolders' funds this year, there is plenty of scope for Courtaulds to look for something sizeable. In the meantime, the boost from lower raw material and energy costs will make it possible for the group to make next year's profits this year. Analysts are raising their forecasts by more than 10 per cent to £185 million and are looking for £205 million in 1987-88. On a p/e further - mainly in relation to ratio of 8.9 times this year's earnings, the US. The removal of higher falling to 8.3 times next year's, the falling to 8.3 times next year's, the rate relief on mortgage interest shares are still on a pityfully small rating given the very interesting stage the smoke the wealthy out of their tax shelters could be justified group has reached.

Words and actions

The taskforce set up by the CBI to work out a new relationship between the City and industry certainly starts with a powerful cast. This is particularly true of members while no less distinguished, tend to come from companies that have been the subject of bid scares or whose own

plans have been thwarted by the professional takeover raiders.

The terms of reference have been drawn widely to avoid casting asper-sions at the City. But if anything is to be achieved, the formative element will be the taskforce's three-part review of long-term measures of company performance, communications between the City and industry and the relationship between pension and insurance funds and the industrial companies whose share registers they dominate.

Of these, the first two are unlikely to change much. The spectacle of City manouevring that has overwhelmed AE is one pointer. The engineering group has done as much as it could to establish good relations with big shareholders and performed well - since a takeover scare a few years ago. But that did not

If there is to be any significant change in relationships it will come through formal changes in the position of big institutional shareholders rather than from spontaneous enlightenment. That would need to come from a complete reassessment of the boardroom power and voting power of big blocks of shares held by the institutions. If that issue is ducked, the taskforce will produce only fice words and good intentions. And under the pressures now building in the City, those will change nothing.

NIESR rampant

be National Institute for Economic and Social Research, the ghost of economics past during Mrs Thatcher's time in office,

is sticking firmly to its guns. Not only will there be a £5.6 billioo current account deficit next year, but an even bigger one, £7.2 billion, in 1988, For invisibles to come to the rescue

indefinitely, as they did at the Treasury's bebest this week, a regular dose of sterling weakness would be required. This is a theme of some helpful

projections in the National Institute Economic Review on the economic consequences of continued Lawsonomics, versus the efforts of "shadow" Roy Hattersley. The results are bad under the Conservatives, worse under Labour.

On these medium term projections, the Government will be faced with current account deficits in the £3-5 billion range in the medium-term even if it eschews tax cuts and holds sterling up. Letting sterling go would carry the penalty of substantially higher inflation than the 5-6 per cent rate projected for the medium term.

Labour's extra public spendiog results in a speedy rise in inflation to 10 per cent and more, and quickly takes the deficits on current account up to £10 billion, which the Institute says modestly may not be sustainable.

fuels a sharp advance By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard A £300 million computer-Rank Organisation: verdue for a rerating?

inspired buying and selling program at the Post Office Pensioo Fund revived a flagging equity market yesterday and sent leading shares racing Computers are being used

increasingly to advise fund managers when to buy and sell from one sector to another. Yesterday the Post Office Pension Fund's computer was telling its fund managers to dump some of their secondliner stocks and to switch to the more prestigious Alpha and Beta ones.

James Capel, the broker, was given the task of carrying out the business. It found little difficulty in bidding for the stock on offer and placing it around the market, but it may have run into a few problems picking up shares for the PO in

Some of the leaders for which Capel was thought to be bidding included Associated British Foods, up 12p at 330p,

Watch Wills Group, ep 15p to 160p during the past couple of days. Highbury Investments, a little-known Australian concern, yes-terday revealed a 6.02 per cent holding and James Capel, the broker, has also been buying. The company has just appointed County Securities. as its adviser, and other changes are in store.

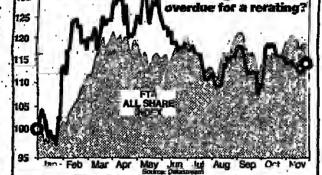
Bass 5p dearer at 740p after 745p, Beecham up 7p to 420p with nearly 2 million shares traded, Glaxe up 10p to 905p, Rowntree Mackintosh up 11p to 421p and Wellcome 11p

righer at 216p. But the Post Office foray into the market gave a distorted view. Turnover elsewhere remained at a low ebb with the bulk of investors money still tied up with the £5.6 billion British Gas

Late excitement in the giltedged market yesterday

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

£300m computer program

Boots 5p at 232p, with more than nine million shares caused by renewed hopes of lower West German rates. Earlier this week the five German institutes saw no real growth between the second

and third quarters and real growth of less than 2.5 per cent in the whole of 1986. The feeling is that, faced with such sluggishness, the Bundeshank, due to meet next Thursday, will cut the discount rate, fuelling hopes of lower base rates here.

There was early confusion for investors after another breakdown in the Stock Exchange price information scr-vice, and this resulted in a oumber of market-makers. putting hundreds of rogue prices into the system. This brought some wild

fluctuations in prices. Many of them proved too fanciful and were quickly spotted, but some were close enough to fool even the experts. Fortunately, business was quiet enough for corrections to be quickly made.

By the close the FT 30-share index was 15.9 up at 1,286.3, while the lead on the FT-SE was limited to 13.7 at 1.633.0, indicating that most of the turnover had been restricted to the leaders.

Among other blue chips ICI jumped 15p to 1070p, Hawker 8p to 435p after a seminar for fund managers in Edinburgh, Lucas 4p to 462p, Thorn EMI 3p to 477p, Hauson 3p to

changing hands on renewed bid speculation. Vickers headed the other way, dipping 17p to 373p, and Allied-Lyons eased 1p to

Partly-paid 50p shares in British Gas drifted back to a middle price of 59½p in the unofficial grey market, a premium of 9½p, while Geest, the gins dealings today, were trad-ing at 149p, a 24p premium to

speculators, leaping 62½p to 472½p in late trade.

Guinness · Peat. where Friends Provident still has the soon. 24 per cent stake it acquired along with UKPI earlier this year, jumped 8p to 97p as a buzz went round the market late that the holding may today change hands.

According to market sources any such deal is likely to result in a full bid, with the takeout price estimated at 120p a share.

But speculation that the suitor is British and Common-wealth Shipping, where Mr John Gunn is chairman, is incorrect.

ALPHA STOCKS These prices are as at 6.45pm "We're not really a machine

acquiring the 24 per cent

for gobbling up companies, you know," says Mr Gunn. "We've got enough on our plate at the moment. The Exco deal has doubled the size of the company and it won't be completed until the end of

fast-growing Fresh-Lay eggs to furniture group, jumped 7p to glossy, colour research bro chure on the company being published later this week by de Zoete and Bevan, the broking arm of Barclays de Zoete Wedd. It is expected to be extremely bullish.

Rank Organisation, the di erse leisure group, gained 15p to 514p after heavy buying by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank. The stock has made up a lot of lost ground over the past couple of weeks, after the arrival at Morgan of Mr Richard Harwood, who is acknowl-

banana importer, which be- A mystery American buyer has built a near 5 per cent bolding in Argyle Trust, the the 125p issue price.

Vanx Brewery, one of the few remaining independent brewing firms, was once again a favourite stock for takeover a favourite stock for takeover per cent stake. Mr Oppenper cent stake. Mr Oppen-heim, who rescued Argyle in 1980, refuses to com Expect further develop

> edged as the leading Rank expert in the City.
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The market is also looking for an early bid for Thermax Holdings, the USM-quoted manufacturer of toughened lass, where Mr David Abell's Suter has been building up a sizeable holding.

He announced yesterday that Suter had bought an extra "There's no truth in it," 354,000 shares, taking its total says Mr Gunn, who also denies that he is interested in or 27.07 per cent.

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Magnet chief's magic formula does the trick

of Magnet & Southerns, was right to bring the interim figures forward by two months so that they could speak for themselves. In spite of a pension fund benefit of £1.6 million and a change in depreciation policy worth £0.7 million, the results were comfortably ahead of analysts' forecasts.

The magic formula, thought out by Mr Duxbury in his fallow years, was to to develop a vertically integrated group stretching from manufacturing to the end user. And it appears to be working.

There were those who treated this approach with scepticism. They believed the structure of the industry was such that Magnets' traditional trade-oriented customers would be aliensted.

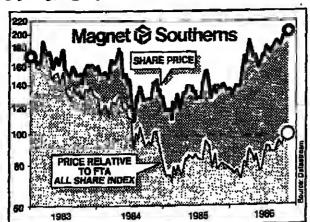
They feared that the move to become less of a niche difficult to justify the group's premium rating as 6 specialist joinery husiness. Moreover, they were not convinced that the management had the skill to compete with the hard-headed DIY retailers.

In the early days the strain of this dramatic change in direction was noticeable. The trade turned its back, and the "super showroom" retail-orilished sufficiently to make up the difference. Results, therefore, for the first half of last

gained momentum and is driving the group ahead.

geared to serve the retail customer, were significant contributors in this improved performance. Compared to the competition they look spreads. relatively modest hut they than doubling stock turnover.

showrooms compared with 83 at the end of 1985-86. Thirty more will be added by the end of the year. Each showroom costs about goods. £100,000 to install, and the



interest income combined to expence to the group, albeit allow the group to increase its capitalized, is considerable. pretax profit by £17.4 million Prices have risen by an in the year to August 30. After average 4 per cent across the adjustment for the previous group, which means most of the turnover, up by 28 per cent, came from volume 53 week period, turnover was up 11.8 per cent to £795

Food price inflation was

low, and accounted for only 2

per cent of the increase in

turnover. Most of the increase came from higher turnover in stores owned for

more than 12 months, at 5.8

per cent, and from new

The group plans to spend £30 million this year on

adding another 12 per cent to its selling space. This comes on top of the 10 per cent

added last year. It will refur-

hish another 60 stores. By

August 1987, it should have

2.7 million sq ft of selling

space, including its first Kwik

Save in the Greater London

area. This store is due to open

The first 13 weeks of the

new financial year are going

well although volumes in

retailing appear to be slowing

down. This may be nothing

more than a hlip on the rising

graph, but some analysts are

cautious about the prospects

for the sector in the short

ers of Kwik Save shares. The

group has a consistent record

of profits growth and should

make £48 million in 1986-7.

giving a p/e of 12.5. This

rating is below the sector

average, and there are likely

to be few sellers at these

This need not worry hold

in February.

stores, at 4 per cent.

A pretax profit of £45 million for the full year could be achieved. This gives earnings of 15.9p. For 1987-88, £65 million and 23.2p is a distinct possibility. However, with things as they are at the moment, this could be a

moving target.
Although the shares are on a premium rating, they are beginning to show that they erve it. The only cloud on the horizon is the possibility that the shareholders may, in time, be asked for additional

Kwik Save Group

The trend towards healthy year were poor.
In the first half of 1986-87, however, operational gearing profitability. The change in consumption patterns has allowed it to extend its range of The showrooms, which are goods. Kwik Save has moved essentially display areas away from "known value items", such as butter and sugar, which are price sensitive, towards less price sensitive items, such as low-fat

have had the effect of more widened last year from 8 healthy 5 per cent to 5.3 per There are now 140 super cent. Kwik Save is a favourite customer with branded goods manufacturers because it is the last chain of any substance without own-label

Wider margins and higher

Ignore pay critics, IoD tells companies

Britain's highly paid top xecutives deserve their big salaries and their companies should not be concerned about public criticism, the Institute of Directors says

In the latest of its Guides to Boardroom Practice, the IoD says: "A company which overall economic interests are best served by securing or retaining a particular executive, should not be deterred from fear of public criticism that the level of remuneration is excessive.

APPOINTMENTS: Alpha Micro: Miss Judith

Knight becomes director, reseller productivity. Pettifor, Morrow & Associates: Lord Lovell-Davis of Highgate has been made

chairman. Brand New (Product Origination): Mr David Molian joins as planning director and Ms Fiona Challis as business development manager. The Glacier Metal Com-

pany: Mr Roger Williams becomes a director. Telecommunications Equipment Manufacturers Association: Mr Mike Hart is made chairman, business

Habit Precision Engineer-ing: Mr Stephen Swords has been made 8 director. Harrisons & Crosfield: Mr George Paul becomes joint chief executive with Mr

communications division.

Thomas Prentice, presently executive chairman. Allied-Lyons: Mr H Clifford Hatch is made a director. Wang Laboratories: Dr Frederick Wang becomes president and treasurer, Mr lan Diery senior vice president, US operations, Mr Rob-

ert Deretti senior vice president, corporate and marketing communications, and Mr Aread Vleggeert vice president and general manager, European, African and Middle Eastern operations. BET: Mr Brian Thompso

Time Products: Mr Allan Blacher becomes a director. British Newspaper Printing Corporation: Mr Alan Roe is made chief executive.

is made chairman,

However, companies are warned against paying executives who have not reached required performance.

The IoD broadside in fayour of high salaries comes after much public debate about big percentage increases being paid to senior executives at a time when government genuinely considers that its and industry is appealing to companies to pay reduced

rises to other workers. It also follows the recent disclosure that Sir Ralph Halpern, the head of the Burton Group, earned more than £1 million last year, high executive performance."

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next week, a report will be

presented showing that the

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rose by 10 per cent last year

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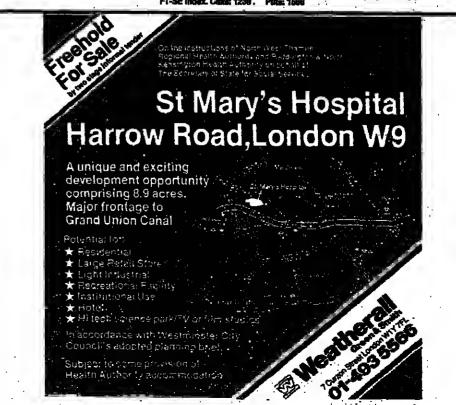
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On course for an export bonanza

The exhibition, Export '86, opens at the Barbican from next Tuesday. Britain is well-placed to win back power and influence as a leader of world commerce

ritish industry and com-merce today faces the best opportunity for many decades in increase its share of world trade Despite the gloomy prognos-tications of many economic observers. British goods abroad have become increasingly competiuve. So long as there is no let-up in the battle to control cost and improve quality, the British should be on course for an export

This is the conclusion of Sir James Cleminson, former president of the Confederation of British Industry and now chair-man of the British Overseas Trade Board, the Government's spearheard organization in the campaign to return Britain to a more respectable position in the table of global traders.

SirJames took over as chairman in July after a year of remarkable improvement in UK export business. Overseas sales were up by I1 per cent in value and six per cent in volume in 1985 to reach a record total of £78 billion. The increase in Britain's exports was greater than the growth in world

6 More competitive than ever with West Germany and Japan 9

trade as a whole. Exporters, he says, should not lose the impetus. Britain has been helped by the more competitive pound and, this year, by falling oil and energy prices, which should help British goods to remain popular in the UK's most important export market: western Europe. Exports to the rest of Europe last year amounted to £46 billion - 58 per cent of Britain's total. In Spain, Portugal and Italy, where the BOTB has made special efforts at trade promotion backed by highlevel government visits, sales were well up - 40 per cent in Spain

"In price terms," says Sir James, we are very much more competitive with the West Germans and the Japanese than ever before."

When he was CBI president, Sir James led the employers' group in its suident campaign, for lower interest rates and much reduced pay semiements. No pay rises unless they have been earned in higher productivity, and abolition of the annual pay round, was and still is the CBI cry.

Though Sir James would never disagree with that, he has changed priorities since donning the BOTB hat. He says: "I have recognized that the only factor now intensifying the problem of non-competitiveness is the cost of money. West Germany and Japan are able to offer financial terms very much more cheaper than can the UK."

On his recent trip to China, Sir James asked the Chinese why the: West Germans had increased their trade with the country so substantially. The attraction was not soft loans but attractive financial

Exporting companies, says Sir James, are recording much greater increases than non-exporters—with a rise of t5 per cent in the last year not unusual. He adds: "I go along with the CBI line that a lot of companies are exposing them-selves to trouble because their cost increases are not matching their productivity rises. But many firms are doing what the Government and the CBI wants and are still not winning export markets."

Sir James says that at least the Government is recognizing the value of the BOTB by giving a small rise in the overall level of spending over the next two years. The organization has a budget this year of just over £27 million.

In 1984-85, the board was able to recoup more funds from cusinmer companies, which enabled it to maintain the spending level despite, in real terms, a diminished budget. Grants available to companies attending overseas trade fairs or export missions have been cut for those on their second or third visits to a particular country. Those taking part in exhibitions, for example, will have to pay 40 per cent of the BOTB's estimated direct costs if they are first-time visitors, rising to 55 per cent for second-time exhibitors and 75 per cent for others.

Those taking part in missions will face similar restrictions. A visit to Hong Kong on a BOTBapproved mission, for example, will qualify each individual to a £520 contribution to travel costs on the first three occasions, falling to £260 on the fourth visit.

"There was a squawk when this was instituted," comments Sir James, "with some companies saying that fairs and promotions were the most useful things we did but the reductions made their attendance difficult. However it doesn't seem to reduce substantially the number of people taking

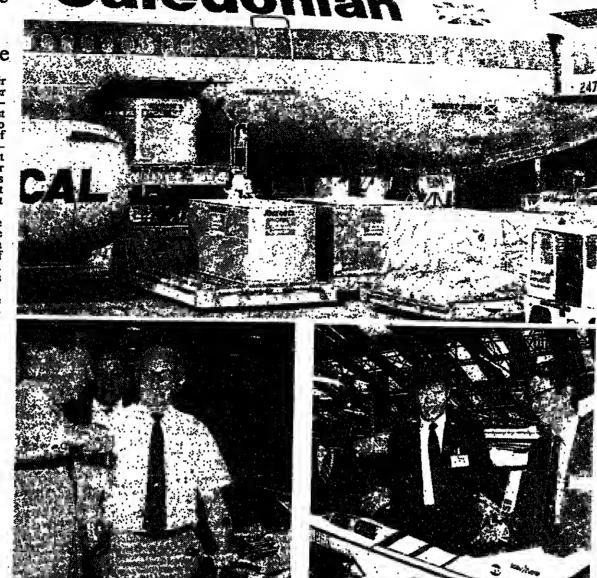
In its bid to spend money more effectively, the BOTB is concentrating more on smallbusiness entrepreneurs who, believes Sir James, need only a little prodding to get them to become

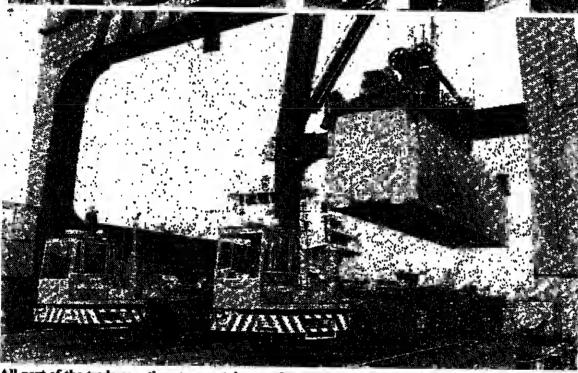
A report from the board's smallfirms committee, covering emer-prises with up to 200 employees, shows that no more than a third of the small exporting companies are accounting for 80 per cent of the sector's total export turnover.

The other two-thirds work on the basis of getting overseas orders when they feel like it. If we could get these companies to become determined exporters, we could increase the country's export revenue by £5 billion."

At long last, too, the BOTB is entering the computer age, via a three-year programme designed to give companies a faster and more up-to-date service, covering the BOTB's operations, the Export latelligence Service and the results of information gathered by For-eign Office staff abroad.

> **Edward Townsend** Industrial Correspondent





All part of the trade equation: top, container packages are loaded at Gatwick airport; below left, Sir James Cleminson, the British Overseas Trade Board chairman, rings a bell for business with Harvey Tordoff from a Yorkshire firm exhibiting at a Chicago machine tool trade show; right, members of a sales team from China show their planes at Farnborough this year, and bottom, special tractor units transport containers between quayside cranes and container terminals

First buy your Arab dictionary

Nearly 7,000 British com-panies will have participated in 292 trade fairs in 39 countries by the end of this year. What do they expect to gain from such activities which, despite assistance from the British Overseas Trade

onsuming? The ultimate aim is to sell ore goods or services. Bringing many prospective buyers together under one roof can be cost-effective in enabling sales representatives to contact nany more customers than if they had to fix appointments and travel to see each one individually.

But in many industries where trade fairs proliferate aerospace, defence equipment, specialized medical sapplies, effluent and water treatm the decision to buy is a complex, long-term process.
Here the exhibitor's main target will be to influence and persuade; effectiveness will be

measured by the number of ontacts rather than orders. Rotunda, a Manchesterbased company which makes PVC insulating tape and similar products, for instance, attracted 1,500 visitors to its stand at the Elenex '86 exhibition in Hong Kong earlier

But the company, which is cited by the Institute of Marketing as an example of a comparatively small company that has achieved success in overseas marketing, found the trip valuable mainly because it helped identify new sales opportunities in China and yielded introductions to potential agents in other Far East

A stand at an international exhibition should be much more than a one-way sales pitch. Handled correctly, it can also provide a listening post, firstly for gathering firsthand intelligence about the market-place; second, for gauging customers' attitudes to the product.

Peter Cotterell, managing director of Unibrand Training, a company which rous training courses for exhibition organizers and participants, says: "I believe that exways of researching a potential nverseas market at ground

Mr Cotterell, who has taken his own medicine by exhibiting at next week's Export '86, adds that the opportunities for instant feedback give exhibitions the edge over other forms of promotion like advertising, direct mail nr pablic relations.

Exploiting this advantage, however, requires the staff who are manning the stand to be prepared to ask visitors questions like "Are you currently buying X?", or "Have you ever used nur X?" or currently buying?".

This in turn requires not only some training in research

smattering of the language of the country in which the exhibition is being beld. It is no accident that Ro-tunda, which has developed a £11.2 million turnover, of which nverseas business represents 22 per cent since its buy-out from BICC in January 1982, employs export sales staff who are linguists.

An inability to speak foreign languages is one of the reasons why UK companies are less enthusiastic about participatg in international exhibitions than their Con-tinental and Far Eastern counterparts.

There are many horror sto-ries about exhibitors who have made expensive mistakes. Mr Cotterell's favourite concerns n stand promoting washing powder at an exhibition in the Middle East. This featured a photographic sequence which, from left to right, showed dirty

Kudos as well as commercial action is part of the show

washing, the washing being processed and a pile of clean linen. It took several days before the exhibitors realized that their Arabic-speaking visitors (who read from right to left) interpreted the product as one which turned clean washing dirty.

Information gleaned from exhibitions can be put to good advantage not only in launch ing new products but also in tailoring product development.
Rotunda, for example, has developed new products so effectively that about 18 per cent of last year's sales were in products that did not exist before the bny-out.

For some products and some industries, participation in international exhibitions may be important for reasons of status and image. A useful booklet* published

by the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers points out viewed by existing customers and contacts can be improved by effective presence at an

The Farnboroagh Air Show is one good example of a "soft sell" exhibition specifically designed to influence a small number of key customers. But the big established inter-national exhibitions for all trades include an element of kudos as well as commercial action. Patricia Tisdall

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EXPORT 86 Now the banks begin to listen

ish exporters might sound like a large and lucrative field for banks. It is surprising, there-fore, to discover that it is an area grossly under-exploited by the banks, with basiness

Long-term export finance is probably declining faster than any other sector of the market. This is a notoriously difficult area to predict. All it takes is a single big project financing to boost the figures for one year far above those for the pre-

But more than ever, project finance tends to be undertaken by multilateral aid agencies or by widely-spread syndications, leaving little "chunky" busi-ness for any particular bank. One project finance specialist says: "The banks are increasingly being forced out, though they may always come back if the circumstances change."

The biggest changes have financing — those of up to two years. The biggest event here is the withdrawal of the Export Credit Guarantee Department from the field by the end

The ECGD's withdrawal is understandable in view of the sharp drop in the popularity of its services. In 1984 it supplied £42 million in short-term export financing, but only £16 million this year — a fall of 60

Although the rates of interest it offered were highly competitive, particularly for smaller companies, its prod-ncts simply did not swit chang-ing markets. To begin with, large companies can now fre-quently finance themselves even below ECGD rates.

Just as important has been the switch of exporting volume away from Third World buyers to Europe and the US. The political and economic stability of these countries make ECGD credit insurance policies somewhat superfluous and exporters felt they were high premiums for

The result is that ECGD provides financing and credit guarantees for a mere 10 per cent of exports to the growing European and US markets. That should have provided a

great opportunity for the hanks, particularly the clearers which have close client relationships with so many British exporters. So far, they have been slow to take up the

"As ECGD loses the business, no one else picks it up, says Ceha Ratty, manager of

panies tend to fund their exports just as they would if they were selling in the home market. A lot of it is done on overdraft. The companies also tend to take the credit risk

The clearing banks are now waking up to the possibilities. National Westminster has launched a whole range of schemes under the curious title "Export Ease", following a move by Midland some months ago to provide more streamlined finance. Barclays is also launching a new export

The NatWest package is probably the most comp sive in the new generation of export finance and insurance products. It not only includes credit insurance schemes to large and small exporters but factoring and forfeiting

The idea is that if you are offering one product to an exporter, why not make a little more money by offering sev-eral which he is likely to need? There are eight schemes in the NatWest package.

One effect of the withdrawal of ECGD is that a more commercial attitude prevails.

More commercial attitude prevails

claims by exporters were a result of the under-performance of the exporters," says John Groom of NatWest.

He explains that the newstyle schemes were not degued to teach exporters how to export. "They must show us that they can do it already." One example of this attitude

is a new rigour with which credit insurance policies are treated. Unless a company has performed to the letter of its contract it cannot claim on its policy. That means banks take a sterner attitude to the way exporters perform before pro-viding finance.

As the banks' risk has grown, so have their charges. he smaller companies are likely to be the first to feel this.

Does the greater commer-cialism and vigilance of the banks make expert finance services barder to get? "It should not be harder to find finance," Mr Groom insists. "In the end, if an exporter has a good idea and knows what he is doing, he will get the finance."

Richard Thomson

As we move ahead to the top of the world league tables

Britain's invisible lifeboat

ing over from oil as the lifeboat keeping Britain afloat in the world economy. While the trade deficit in manufactured goods widens monthly, the surplus on services and other

invisibles is growing. Lord Limerick, chairman of the British Invisible Exports Council, is confident that Britain will soon take over from the United States at the top of the world league table of

invisible exporters. "In this table the UK has for many years earned the largest surplus in the world after the US," he says. "Latterly, escalating costs of overseas borrowing have eroded the US surplus so that Britain is likely to have the No. 1 position this year or next."

By invisible exports we mean the earnings from over-seas of banking, insurance, the City, the shipping industry and tourism.

In addition, earnings on investments overseas add to Britain's invisible surplus, as do transfers from abroad to Britain such as refunds from the European Community

So far this year Britain's balance of payments on cur-rent account has been in surplus by £429 million, and the invisible account has been in surplus by £7,314 million. Next year, according to the Treasury's latest forecast, the invisible surplus will total £9.0 billion, within a current ac-count which is in deficit by

Clearly, without the growing contribution of invisible exports, the balance of pay-ments would be in dire straits. And yet there is, apparently, no limit to the ability of the invisible exporters to do

The City has achieved a huge increase in its net overseas earnings. Last year, these were £7.6 billion, compared with £6.6 billion in 1984 and

just £2 billion in 1980. The Big Bang changes in the City of London, despite current difficulties, are expected to underline the City's position as the dominant financial centre in Europe.

Lord Limerick says; "We are already leaders with 25 per

banking transactions, ahead of cent. The turnover in London's foreign exchange market averages \$90 billion daily, half as much again as in New York. We attract the largest share, around 20 per cent, of the available world

insurance premiums." Within the City, insurance is the biggest net overseas earner. Lloyd's and the overseas portfolio carnings of the insurance companies generated an overseas surplus of £3.3 billion last year. In 1980, these earnings were less than

"Overseas earnings of Britthe United States with 15 per ish consultants have increased substantially in recent years," says the BIEC, "despite increasingly aggressive competition from consultants in other countries.

"Some of these competitors are able to offer financial 'bait' as a means of securing followon orders for contractors, suppliers and manufacturers, to compete with the acknowl-edged commercial independence, worldwide experience and integrity of British consultants.

Invisible exports, like trade



6 We are already the leaders with 25 per cent in value of international banking transactions. ahead of

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Lord Limerick Chairman of the British Invisible **Exports Council**

£1 billion.

For the insurance companies, as well as pension funds and other financial institutions, the removal of exchange controls in 1979 provided an opportunity for a Americans to avoid Europe asrapid build-up in overseas investment by British institutions.

Direct investments by British companies overseas are worth £80 billion, and investment in shares more than £100 billion.

One area of invisible exports, usually ignored but emphasized by the British Invisible Exports Council in its annual report published earlier this month, is consultancy services. British engineers, and management and economic consultants remain strongly in demand. Last year, consultancy earnings overseas facturing industry, as Lord

in goods, are often affected by nnhelpful external factors. Thus, Britain's net earnings on the travel account were hit earlier this year by the decision of large numbers of a boliday destination after the bombing of Libya.

But invisible earnings are also affected by the exchange rate and the performance of British manufacturing. The fall in sterling this year, notably against the Dentschmark and most other European currencies, will have the effect of providing a substantial boost to invisible earnings during the next two or three

But it is a mistake to regard . the performance of services as divorced from that of manu-

"However competitive: our invisibles remain - and we predict they will - no foresec-

able growth in the services sector can compensate for the eventual loss of our oil surnlus, let alone the total foreign exchange requirement for importing our domestic energy consumption when the North See really runs dry.

"Nor can any foreseeable rate of growth in employment in services, where extra jobs will be numbered in tens of thousands rather than in millions, compensate for the jobs which have been lost in manufacturing industry.

"We remain convinced that the way forward for the economy is to maximize our trade in both visibles and invisibles by building on strengths and

tackling weaknesses."

At the meeting of representatives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in September, it was agreed that the next GATT round of trade reductions will involve services.

With the Big Bang the City has removed its trade barriers to the outside world. The results will not be clear for some time, but the response of the major financial groupings of the world in coming to the City in a big way gives cause

for optimism. In other areas, Britain would hope to gain from the worldwide liberalization of services. Within Europe, there are moves to ease exchange controls to allow freer movement of capital and the Britain's insurance industry can expect to gain substan-tially from the opening up of Germany's insurance market.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, has said that the opening up of the European market will offer major opportunities for Britain's financial sector.

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The City already has unparalleled expertise in financial services," he said earlier this month. "And greater liberalization of Europe's capital markets will open up more doors for it to sell that expertise abroad."

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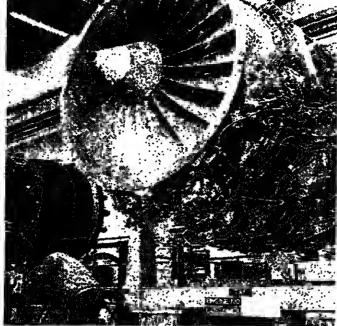
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Payment in kind: A taste of the wine that made up the order for John Walker, Jeremy Wheeler and Alick Macaskill of MF Industrial; and right, a Rolls-Royce engine that can be paid for in dollars or, sometimes, oil

Pulling the cork in the barter game

trading with much more enthu-

siasm. Many have found it the

only real way of breaking into

markets in the Eastern bloc or

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Africa, where hard currency is

At most Opec meetings in Geneva or Vienna there is at

least one trader who is there to

make sure that the capital

goods needed by some of the member countries are avail-

pany which recently snid £1 milling worth of earth-moving equipment to Ta-nisia will be celebrating Christmas with a bottle of something red that could truly be described as "cheeky" or even "a little impertinent".

They work for MF Ind-

estrial, the British subsidiary of a Canadian company with offices in Manchester, Cov-

one of the more unusual barter trade deals in which some companies have to become involved to keep up export nisians did not have enough sales, in the world's poorer fertilizer to meet the shortfall.

win the order for 60 earthmoving machines, agreeing to take 6,000 tonnes of fertilizer. At the last minute, it was found that the fertilizer was worth £20,000 less than the agreed value of the contract Companies in the barter trade business do not normally

mind having to take fertilizer in exchange for their products. It is an internationally-traded commodity and, therefore, is easily disposed of through the The wine arrived as part of barter trade departments on of the more unusual barter which all major banks have based in the City.

But in this case the Tufertilizer to meet the shortfall.

rather potent red plonk they had on the dockside in Tunisia would be worth the difference - at £1.75p a bottle the sums

added up.

Back in Britain the company did not really want to get involved. After all, it didn't have a drinks licence and in the wine bars of London Coventry or Manchester the costomers aren't exactly fighting to catch the waiter's eye for a bottle of Tunisian nouveau.

The company get round the problem by selling the wine to its employees. Its export sales director. Jeremy Wheeler, while admitting that the company is not normally in favour of barter trade, said: "It is a omtries. Their unusual suggestion was way of creating a demand for MF Industrial was forced that the 12,000 bottles of our products and is satisfac-

way of doing that."
But there are many comthe oil can be traded on to the spot market at a satisfactory panies which embrace barter

There is more than one Arab with a Burberry leok-alike trench coat in his wardrobe which was actually made in Poland and paid for in oil. Most barter trade deals are, of course, much more sophis-ticated. Rolls-Royce production lines at Derby will remain basy because the Boeing 7-47s ordered by Sandi Arabia, specifically with British en-gines, will be paid for in

dollars. British Aerospace won its biggest order because it was prepared to take payment from Sandi in all rechanges adi in oil rather than cash. The aircraft makers have long

certain areas they have to barter and companies such as Boeing and British Aerospace have their own barter trade

They find a way of placin the goods they have acquired in a market which is eager to pay the best price and com-pensate the original manufacturer of the goods involved.

Thus, Brazilian leather shoes have been used to pay for Italian pasta, which in turn has been used to pay for Soviet oil, which in turn has been ed to pay for medical supplies for western African conntries, which have paid in

David Young

Better service is top priority

Priorities are changing at the Export Credits Guarantee Department, the Government inflice which provides insurance to cover British exporters against nnn-payment by

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The emphasis now, says Jack Gill, its chief executive, is to speed up the provision of services and to greatly improve the efficiency of routine

During the past year, against a backdrop of a volatile oil price and mounting Third World debt problems, the ECGD has tried to attract a higher proportion of lower risk business while sharpening its marketing and customer

Founded in 1919, it is the world's oldest official export credit insurer and provides cover for 23 per cent of non-oil exports from Britain. It also is administrator of the subsidized interest rate export finance which cost the Gov-ernment £401 million last

In theory, over a number of years, the ECGD is supposed to break even on its insurance business. But last year, although there was an improvement in the underlying trading account for the insurance operations, the department paid ont £697.5 million in claims, compared with premium income of £175.5 million.

Once again the shortfall had to be met by borrowing from the Exchequer, bringing ECGD's loans from the Consolidated Fund to £756.2

million. Poland, Nigeria and Brazil and more resources are to be

However, a harder-nosed

approach to risk evaluation and higher premiums for the most uncertain business mean Mr Gill is confident that liabilities incurred since 1983 shnuld, on present trends, pay

their way.

Most important for customers, is the ECGD's new commitment to service.

Companies should already be benefiting from the recent computerization of details of claims which has created an extensive database of previous defaults and paynuts.

With the improved claims database, it should prove more efficient to automatically accept the buyer unless a computer search reveals some past problem. Whereas less than 20 per cent of applica-tions used to be dealt with within 24 hours, ECGD is now aiming to deal with nearly half within that time.

A close watch will be kept on the new regime, which started just three weeks ago and it may be extended to other countries

A number of other services are also being reviewed. On the export finance side of the business, the guarantee of shart-term export credit given by banks to exporters is being phased out and is now only available for credits of more than two years. The OECD consensus rates stipulate what the minimum interests rates can be for subsidized export finance and then the ECGD

This year greater effort will be put into recovering more of the money paid out in claims, Last year, recoveries fell from

The right advice on export

or professional institute can pay dividends for anyone contemplating exporting for the first time.

Although the British Overseas Trade Board will help with researching the market in overseas government regulabroad terms, the best source of detailed practical guidance and business names and 1,500 is also a useful source of will come from a company in were requests for statistics.

Birmingham, which with ing the past 12 months it has broad and the marketing of exporting.

The Institute of Marketing is also a useful source of advice about exporting. During the past 12 months it has already trading in the prospective country of export.

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The London Chamber of

Membership of a trade associ- Commerce, for instance, sent ish Industry to exporters are ation, business organization 18 trade missions to 21 counsis "talking point" leaflets on six "talking point" leaflets on tries last year. In addition, of the right environment for the 54,000 inquiries it re- growth; government support ceived 24,000 were for busifor exporting companies; edness contacts and trade ucation and training market opportunities, followed by research and planning, innovation and the mechanics nearly 6,000 about UK and

the second largest chamber, marketing seminars in con-organized 14 trade missions junction with the BOTB, sions organized by the big and helped with the same projects and overseas exhibitions last year.

Among the facilities offered by the Confederation of Brit-

4,500 member companies is been running a series of nine which began in coopunction ber and will culminate with this year's exhibition.

Ian Griffith, the institute's director of marketing, has been telling these meetings "It is essential to define your export objectives clearly and make sure they are consistent with overall strategic objectives; use market research visit markets personally; and

markets."
In addition to an adviser who deals specifically with questions about export, the Institute of Directors now has a new "on-line" information service. At a cost of between £20 and £40 this will, for instance, provide brief details of individual European companies and lists of companie whose activities meet specifi

criteria. With so much advice available, the first-time exporter does not have to "go it alone". But "the company must be committed to an export strategy at boardroom level", ad-vises John Wilson, director-general of the Institute of Export.

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But change extends far beyond the use of IT and the confines of the traditional education system. There are other new technologies, such as biotechnology, and new materials, processes, regulations and standards and new working

into which our graduates and school-leavers enter can be immune if it wants to survive. It is as true for agriculture as it is for engineering. It applies to the shop-floor and to the boardroom.

And the pace of change is faster. It took a century for the advances of the first industrial revolution to spread around the globe. It now takes a decade at most. It means continuing education and training is now a fact of working life. Our industrial competitors realize it and so must we.

Our colleges, polytechnics and universities are now rising to this challenge. Through new adult training initiatives they are belping employees to keep their skills sharp and to boost the efficiency and effectiveness of the firms they work for. What we are talking about is PICKUP - training for

PICKUP stands for pro-fessional, industrial and commercial updating. It is our programme to help colleges, polytechnics and universities increase and improve training and updating for working adults. After four years it is showing solid achievement in the amount of adult training provided

Growth nationally is now about 11 per cent. Where colleges, polytechnics and universities have made a major commitment to

Last year, 38 of Britain's polytechnics and major colleges made £10 million through the PICKUP adult training scheme. Here Kenneth Baker advises go-head companies who are seeking

long-term profits: 'PICKUP or pack-up'

is 40 per cent.

Thirty eight of our polytechnics and major colleges are turning over more than £100,000 a year from PICKUP training. The five leaders have turnovers in excess of £500,000 a year and at least one will leap the £1 million mark this year. Together, the 38 made more £10 million and taught nearly 3 million student hours last

We are not subsidizing training. we are investing a change. PICKUP does not pay for "courses", it works as a catalyst, identifying key areas where action is needed and is likely to pay off in terms of increased performance.

This includes the development of new teaching methods and materials in areas such as robotics and mid-career updating for en-

PICKUP, average annual growth gincers. Sixty projects have been set up so far.

It means beloing groups of colleges to work together in a team approach to training, to provide easier access for firms, better marketing and a wider range of training. There are now 20 of these PICKUP consortia.

We have paid for the appoint ment of development officers - in the regions, in most of our universities and, soon, in virtually all our education authorities. These PICKUP missionaries have brought some remarkable conversions. One London college last year increased its PICKUP hours from 3,000 to 14,000.

A major staff development pro-gramme has been launched to keep college teachers up to date in their subjects and in the skills they now need to bring learning to



working adults. Courses cover marketing skills and priority areas such as advanced manufacturing technology, new materials science and computer-aided design.

PICKUP has also helped colleges in market research and m developing lasting links with firms. More than 350 local collaborative projects now involve 2,500 firms and 300 colleges, polytechnics and universities - about half the nation's total.

The rewards can be great A college in Humberside earned £100,000 in one year through training for the offshore industry

The programme is also beloing employers directly. A comprehensive guide to sources of funding for adult training - Paying for Training - was published fourmonths ago. Already it is in its second reprint and a second edition will appear next spring.

Another report - A Partnership in Learning - was commissioned from the institute of Personal Management. It looks at 127 college-company collaborations around the country and comes up with the key issues that lead to successful training partnerships.

PICKUP has also produced a national directory of short courses and training opportunities. Available on microfiche, floppy disk and Prestel, it now contains 6,000

Employers bear the responsibility for training their employees. The test is whether they will pay for it. Therefore, we expect colleges and universities themselves to adopt a business-like approach. We are providing funds on this understanding. In putting further money into PICKUP I am asking colleges to

do three things: Produce strategic plans. Set targets against which perfor-

mance can be monitored. Plough back the surpluses earned

from successful training into further developments.

We are now moving in the right direction - but not fast enough. On current national treads we would produce only a threefold increase in PICKUP by the mid-1990s. My target is more ambitious. I want to see a fivefold increase in the next five years - by

To this end, spen PICKUP next year will double from this year's £6 million to £12.25 million. In particular, this will include funding aimed at the higher education colleges and polytechnics on the one hand, and at the universities on the other.

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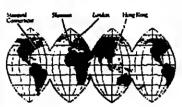
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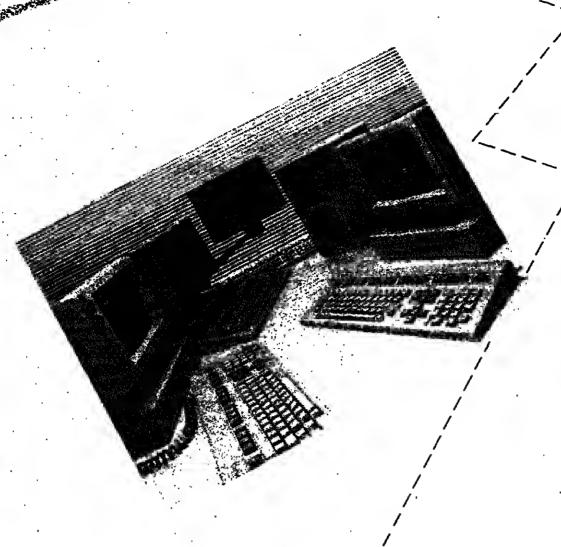
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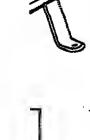
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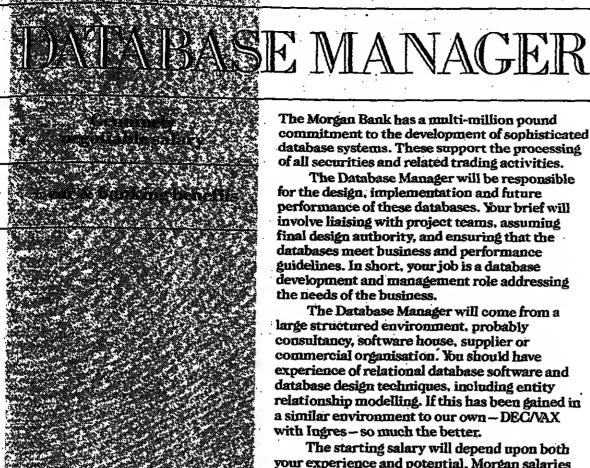
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responding to the need of technological change are discovering, to their cost, a rarely identified factor — that of cultural change. On emerging from recession, they find that their most valuable resource - their employees - has

change can be costly, both in terms of time and money. This is best illustrated by the following account of one company's experience which is, unfortunately, on fairy story but typifies what many organizations are finding.

Its management team was typified by young, professionally qualified, forwardstructured and well-defined - the

The company responded to recession by reducing recruitment to virtually zero

is not always the best move

and introducing a programme of vol-untary redundancies. Plans to introduce automated handling equipment and computerized financial and admin-

to their rejection of the static environment and their successful recruitment elsewhere. The maintainers stayed on and the need to promote from below led to frequent appointments of maintainers at senior management level (including director level). In this way the company's culture slowly changed over a period of

Emerging recently from recession they began to implement those technological changes that had been recommended much earlier. What had been planned as of making a wrong appointment and a gradual change taking four to five years was rushed through during the past 14

Many parts of the organization are meeting these changes with passive resentment and occasionally with open hostility. In addition, a significant number of employees are experiencing great difficulty in learning the new skills required

As I write, much of the new technology is lying idle as the company frantically (and expensively) recruits new blood and attempts to woo back some of its former employees in an attempt to cope with what has rapidly become a crisis.

The failure to recognize cultural

Midlands-based company in the sales and distribution industry, which was founded in the 1960s, grew rapidly to about 1,000 staff by the mid 1970s. looking and ambitious people - let's call them adapters. Ambition and ability were, of course, to be found at all levels within the organization, but the bulk of the workforce consisted of competent and reliable individuals with a preference for work which was stable.

Reducing recruitment to zero

istrative systems were put on ice.

The very nature of the "adapters" led

So what lessons can be learnt? While it may not always be possible to retain key together with a few of the most able employees, an awareness of the types of stores people, was appointed to educate

Psychology can

help organizations cope with change

in technology, says Andrew Kerr in

the first of a

two part series people within the organization can help to identify problems - present and

But bow may this be done? What assumptions can be made about an employee's future abilities? How will he respond to change? Is it even possible to nbtain an accurate and unbiased analysis

of present performance? To belp find the answers and gain an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of their employees, more and more organizations are turning to occupational psychologists.

Using established psychometric techniques - psychometrics is that branch of psychology dealing with measurable factors – skilled psychologists can advise oo abilities, attitudes, personality and potential of employees and job candidates. Such analysis is invaluable in recruitment, internal promotions and

company reorganizations. Take, for example, the promotion from a field-based position in sales or service into an office-based managerial role. The demands of the two roles are often radically different, with the field role needing a measure of self-suf-ficiency, an ability to establish a rapport quickly and an ability to make decisions quickly and autonomously.

But the managerial role may require the ability to develop, motivate and work in a team, administrative skills and an ability to cope with the complex and lung-term issues. Skilled occupational psychologists can advise on whether an individual is likely to make the successful transition and thereby lessen the risk costly error.

Many organizations rely on psychological assessment. One major vehicle manufacturer recently wished to introduce a new computerized stores cootrol. The main advantage of such a change would be that it would allow for lower stock levels. The problem was that many of the long-service stores staff were solidly set in their ways.
This organization had accumulated,

over the years, psychological assessments of most of its staff. They knew that some of the stores people would never cope with the change while others, very able individuals, were likely to thrive on

A "task force", made up of managers,

the introduction of new system. By encouraging a small number of early retirements and monitoring the introduction of the new system carefully, a smooth transition was accomplished.

The traumas experienced by what was then British Leyland during the late 1970s and early 1980s have been described by Sir Michael Edwardes in his book Back from the Brink. He illustrates have occupational psychologists contributed to manpower planning and management development during a time when the managerial staff were having to cope with extra demands and increasing levels

Df personal stress. Returning to the sales and distribution company, a programme of psychological essments was initiated and identified areas of weakoess within the organisacional structure, some sus-pected, some not. The psychologist looking at the preparization had no preconceived ideas of what they were looking for, but were able to take a fresh and unbiased view of the company's manpower.

In doing so, and this is often the case, they did not simply identify potential adaptors among the maintainers. People who, while doing a perfectly adequate job in one area, had much to offer to an-

The psychologist can take a fresh and unbiased view

other function within the company, were

For example, two individuals who have spent all their working lives oo the shop floor, have as a result of psychometric testing and counselling, more than happily accepted promotions into customer liaison. Others who, perhaps because of their educational background, were assumed by the company to have limited abilities were identified as having considerable potential.

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The recessioo has had a profound impact on organizational structure, with organizations that have successfully adapted to the altered environment changing as a result of it. But the companies surviving this "natural selectioo" do oot necessarily have a cultural climate that is able to meet future demands. Occupational psychologists are becoming a recognised necessity in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the people that make up organisations, especially the key managerial staff.



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Gomer and Croft given chance to restore faith

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent division will play at Loano and the third division at Maribor, Yugoslavia.

In every division the teams

will at first compete in two groups of three. The most successful nations will then contest the championship (or promotion) and the least

successful will play off to decide relegation. Ties will consist of two singles and a

The corresponding men's event, originally a Swedish initiative, has been played in various forms since 1936 and

has achieved an ambiguous

status. The competition is genuine but the stronger na-tions tend to use the European

Cup tournament to test poten-tial recruits to their world

championship teams, who compete for the Davis Cup

Sweden have won the men's

event more often than any

other nation and their women, led by Katarina Lindqvist,

must be slightly favoured in Eindhoven. The other teams

in the Swedish group will be Switzerland and The

Britain's first opponents, today, will be a team of

promising West Germans, notably Claudia Porwik. Then

Atlanta (AP) — In a match dominated by powerful serving. Boris Becker finally overcame John McEnroe with his service

returns to secure a 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 victory in the first round of the

£320,000 AT-and-T challenge. Earlier, Ivan Lendl frequently

passed Miloslav Mocir at the net

to beat his fellow Czechoslovak

champion who is seeded third in the eight-man round robin tour-nament, broke McEnroe in the

one point on his own service.

pushed an easy return wide. The American then held serve to

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McEnroe stranded

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hand France may beat Britain 2-1, with the doubles probably

the key match. At worst, Britain should consolidate

Miss Durie and Miss Hobbs

were beaten 3-0 by Denmark in July, in the first round of the Federation Cup competition, and four weeks ago a makeshift American team inflicted on Britain their heaviest home defeat in the Wightman Cup for 34 years.

Wightman Cup for 34 years. Britain took only one set from Denmark and, in seven matches, only two from the

Miss Gomer and Miss Croft

were preferred to Miss Hobbs

in the Wightman Cup contest

and are young enough to improve. In Eindhoven they will have an obvious chance to rescue a little dignity from the wreckage of Britain's 1986

Their task, however, will not be easy and much will

depend on whether they have

the self-assurance to exploit chances as well as the ability to

penalty point between games, but Becker sportingly conceded the next point and lost the game

before the pattern of both players failing to even reach deuce on their opponent's ser-

was unexpected: Becker and-

denly finding inspiration to

unleash return-of-service win-

Lendl, the world No. 1, had

little difficulty dealing with Mecir, breaking his

countryman's serve twice in the first set and immediately again in the second. Mecir had his

only glimmer of success to draw

In the decisive fifth game, Lendl came back from 40-15 down to break Meeir again and

and the top seed then stamped

his authority on the match in the

level at 2-2.

their first division status.

Sara Gomer and Annabel Croft, who could be better evident, will represent Britzin in the first division of the European Cup competition, a new event, at Eindhoven during the next four days.

Belinda Borneo, aged 20, will serve as spairing partner and reserve, thus advancing her education in the special stress of international team competition. Virginia Wade will captain the team and Owen Davidson has been engaged as coach.

Jo Durie, who is taking a break from competition until the Australian championships in January, and Anne Hobbs, who has not been invited because Sue Mappin, the na-tional team manager, wanted to keep faith with the younger players — Miss Gomer and Miss Croft — who won their group when the qualifying competition was played in January at Loano on the Gulf

UAL SECRETA

That was not the usual kind of qualifying competition. It was necessary to sort out the competing in this inaugural tournament so that they could be placed in three divisions of six. The second

Car firm's £1m boost for the ITF

The International Tennis Federation have received a £1 million-plus sponsorship boost from General Motors.

Under the three-year deal, announced in London yesterday by Hans Wilhelm Gaeb, vice-president of public affairs at G.M.'s European headquarters in Zunich, the European disciplent of the American motor. vision of the American motor giants will have exclusive car company advertising rights at major ITF tournaments, includnament, broke McEnroe in the fifth and ninth games to win the first set, while conceding only the first set, while conceding only the first set, while conceding only the first set. ing the Davis and Federation General Motors are also to McEnroe, the sixth seed, cash-ed in on the first break point of the second set in the eleventh game when the West German

become the main sponsors of the men's European indoor team champlonship, which will in future be known as the Opel uropean Cup, and the World

Youth Cup.
Philippe Chatrier, the ITF
president, said: "This is a very
great addition to our sponsorship because General Motors." have a great network of cars around the world, which will be of benefit to us at our

was announced that the Davis Cup final between Australia and Sweden, scheduled to be played in Kooyong from December 26 to 28, is a sell-out. Australian officials said that the last tickets. for the final were sold yesterday

Mark Dickson, ranked No. 94 in the world, defeated Rick Leach, his fellow American, 7-6 Australia's last Davis Cup final meeting with Sweden, at Kooyong in 1983, was also a

of Rio de Janeiro.

tournaments."

Opel, part of the G.M. group, have been involved in tennis for a number of years, including sponsoring Steffi Graf, of West sponsoring Steffi Graf, of West in the first round of the Saad 3-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-1

Gomez, ranked No. 10 in the world, is the top seed in the tournament, which began on Monday on the resort island of Itanarica, 1.055 miles north-east Austria's Horst Skoff, ranked No. 42 in the world, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. France's Jean Fleurian upset Peruvian Jaime Yzaga on Mon-day and followed it up by beating Brazil's Luis Mattar 7-6 (7-0), 4-6, 6-1 on Tuesday. In other first-round matches, The tournament ends on



BOXING: \$100 MILLION BOUT LIKELY TO BE CHAMPION'S LAST

Keeping his eye in: Leonard (right) engages Hagler in a who-blinks-first self-promotion contest at Bethesda

Hagler is heading for sell-out

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

The \$50 million (about £35 million) World Boxing Council hout between Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middle-weight champion, and Sugar Ray Leonard, the former welter-weight and lightweight champion, is heading for a sell-out. A crowd of 50,000 are expected at Caseare, Pulsca on April 6 Caesars Palace on April 6.

The \$190 (the cheapest), \$200 and 8600 seam are already gone and a few more cychall-te-cychall publicity meetings, such as the one at Betheads, Maryas the one at Betheads, Mary-land, yesterday, and not even the \$700 ringside sents will be left. Over 1,000 newspaper men are expected to attend, the Wasi-ington Post alone having asked for 10 accreditations.

The bont is expected to gross \$100 million. Hagler will receive \$37 million and Leonard only \$13 million, as he wanted a flat guarantee rather than a percentage of the gross. It will be though it will leave him one short of Carlos Mousem's recard 14 successive middleweight de-fences, Higher is unlikely to continue after this bont.

The second game of the third and composed in bizarre fashion when McEuros was deducted a second with the first round of the first round (10.2) by a first round of the first round of th

At a recent Press conference in New York, Hagler said: "I have been looking forward to this fight for years and have been saving my mind and body for this moment. There is no one else for me out there. I realize that if this is my last fight I am going to make it my best fight and come out smokin'." Leonard, aged 30, has not boxed since 1984 after a retina

CROSS-COUNTRY

Hutchings crusade to restore **England to former glory**

members whether or not they

own a pony and whether belonging to a rural or urban branch.
It is based oo the Duke of
Edinburgh's Awards and was
devised by Sue Waterer, a
member of the Pony Club
Council, helped by Maj, James
Pinoey, chairman of the training

committee. The three awards (under 11, 14 and 17) each involve four sections: Horse-mastership, service, countryside

knowledge and country pur-suits. Suggestions for the service

section range from litter clearing

to entertaining parties of inner-city, deprived or handicapped

The success of the scheme

relies heavily on voluntary help
one of the projects for the
under 17s involves planning a

two-bour route through the

country, on horse, foot or bicycle, with an accompanying adult." The member must be

prepared to comment on every-

children.

Tim Hutchings, England's finest cross-country runner of the past decade, has set up a oneognize a team of potential world champions. But the English Cross Country Union's primi-tive selection procedure has relegated their team to two successive eighth places, their man campaign to restore the nation's position as a leading world power. England's reputation over the country has de-clined as markedly in recent years as her standing in track and field has risen. But, lowest ever position, instead of allowing them to challenge for the world title which they used to win more often than not, but Hotchings believes, the machinery is there to become great again: the problem is the people who are operating it.

You only have to list the names — Buckner, Solly, Lewis, McLeod, Clarke, Binns and Hutchings himself — to rec-

EQUESTRIANISM

Pony Club scheme for

recreation incentives

By Jenny MacArthur

The Pony Chib yesterday

launched its Countryside Award Scheme aimed at increasing

between the competitive and

The Mounted Games, started by Prince Philip and aimed at

closing the gap by providing something for the less ambitious

riders, is now one of the most competitive "disciplines" of all.

The scheme, announced at the

Pony Club annual conference at

chairman, is designed for all

non-competitive members.

season than the national championship. That way, Hut-chings suggests, they would be obliged to give equal consid-eration to both races when making their selections Although the ECCU have informed Hutchings that the inter-counties will be used to

help decide the team, Hutchings believes that will happen only if a strong field takes part. "I am going to call their bluff and run the inter-counties and, if I do well, hope to be selected for the England," he said yesterday. The Crawley man, whose

world champiopship aspiracions were ruined last winter when he was injured running an ardnous nine-mile national just three weeks before the international highlight of the season, added: "It would be nice to have those extra weeks to prepare for the world championship knowing that I don't have to run the Hutchings's crosade gains fur-

ther momentum tomorrow when he attends an historic when he attends an historic meeting between athletes and ECCU selectors and management to discuss the future of the team. Hutchings will put forward his plan to build a squad of world championship winning quality on the eve of his appearance in the McVitie's Challenge – probably the highest standard cross-country event of the season in England. At of the season in England. At Gateshead, his early season form will be tested by the likes of Binns, Lewis and Cram (England), Hackney (Wales), Muir (Scotland), Domingos Castro (Portugal) and Gonzalez

"The ECCU remain in the nineteenth century," Hutchings, the 1984 world silver medal winner and reigning national champion, said. Every aspect of athletics is commericial, but the ECCU doo't even give grants for warm-weather training. RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY

Kangaroos sifted the wheat from the straw

In a purely playing sense, the feeling in the wake of the whirtwind Australian tour is rather like the scanations left behind by boisterous and usurly children at a Christmas party. The Kangaroos have left behind dazed and battered hosts, and on the field a trail of destruction. Yet their departure has left the domestic scene flat in the return to dull routine.

Yet their departure has sent law domestic scene flat in the return to doll routine.

Like the Assyrians, the Australians came down like wolves on the fold, scattering and devouring the best that Britain could offer, until at last in the final international at Wigan the invaders were met head-on, the barriers went up, and British Rugby League regained pride and passion. Last Saturday's epic battle at Central Park, in which only a couple of debatable refereeing decisions tilted the scales towards Australia, came just in the nick of time. The self-respect of the game in this country was saved. International rugby league came alive again, and the World Cup may yet become a tournament and not a cakewalk for Australia. Club, schoolboy, youth and

Bamford saved by final performance



In the New Year, Great Britain can try out their new-four determination against France.

Although there were many who were ready to call for the head of Bamford after the first two internationals, certain questions need to be asked before such a step could be justified. Firstly, who could replace him? Secondly, there is the larger question about the whole future of British rughy league, with the now entrenched opinion that the game in this country is inferior to the game in Australia, with Bamford and his team making Bandord and his team making the best of inadequate material. Even if he was replaced by Alex Murphy, Peter Fox, Mal-colus Resilty or any other pre-tender, the situation would remain the same, with the new incumbent making the same bricks with the same shorage of straw.

To emphasize what this colweeks, the I3-a-side code in Britain needs revolution from the schoolboy game apwards. If there is any supporter or official who needs further reminder of the gap between this country and Australia, they can watch the progress during the next few weeks of the Australian schoolboys squad that arrived yesterday for their tour. They are likely to do to our best youth

Keith Macklin

Privy Council

with the landlord qua payee rather than qua landlord.

By demanding and receiving the security, he assumed the obligation of any mortgagee to

repay on the stipulated con-dition and that obligation re-

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Law Report November 27 1986

'Experience' to be Duty to return tenant's deposit does not concern the land

construed widely

Regina v Croydon London
Borough Council, Ex parte
Leney

Council, Ex parte
Department of Education and
Science details of the experience. Before Lord Justice May and Mr

[Judgment November 26]

The requirement in paragraph 5 of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1944 that every education committee of a local education authority should include "persons of experience in education" fell to be construed widely and did not require a member to have undergone training or experience as a

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application by Mr Thomas Leney, secretary of the Croydon Teachers' Association of the National Union of Teachers, for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for Education and Science on June 17, 1985 whereby he declined to intervene under section 68 of the Education Act 1944 to direct the Croydon London Borough Council to reconstitute its education

Mr Martin Reynolds for the applicant; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Miss Genevra Caws for the council.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that it had been the policy of the council not to co-opt teachers on to the education committee. which was the main body responsible for the provision of educational facilities in the borough of Croydon, because it took the view that that committee should only comprise elected members. Teachers were, however, co-opted to various sub-

That policy was not acceptable to the National Union of Teachers and a complaint was made to the secretary of state in July 1984. In that letter of complaint it was said that, uniquely among local education anthorities in England and Wales, Croydon made no provision for co-opting members on to the education committee.

of the current members of the education committee were They showed that only one of

the members had actual teach-ing experience. All the members had had substantial contact with educational matters, having either been members of the committee for a number of years, governors of schools inside or outside the borough, or parents of children attending schools. In most cases members fulfilled two or more of those

The applicant's contention was that only those who had actually been teachers or trained as such or were involved in as such of white area of teaching were capable of coming within the terms of paragraph 5 of Part II of Schedule I to the Education

Those words should be given their ordinary and natural meaning. The words themselves did not import the necessity of a technical qualification or of having had teaching experience.

In the course of argument, various examples were put forward. One was that of a hypothetical member of the committee who had recently retired after being a bursar for 35 years at a school. Would such a person have had experience in education? Or would a retired member of the Department of Education and Science itself. Could it not be said that he would be a person with experience in education? Both examples clearly fell within the ambit of the words in paragraph 5.

In the circumstances one could not construe the words restrictively as contended for by the applicant. The description was applicable to the members of the committee referred to m the letter of February 28, 1985.
The application would be dis-

In a letter dated February 28. ard G. Hernmings, Croydon.

Hua Chiao Commercial Bank
Ltd v Chiaphna Industries Ltd

Kin under the mortgage, on January 15, 1983, the bank took

formerly known as Chiap formerly known as Chiap

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Braudon of Oakbrook, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Sir Ivor [Judgment November 25]

Hua Clockes & Watches Ltd)

The obligation of a landlord under a clause in a lease to return at the expiration of the term a security deposit paid by the tenant was not an obligation which touched and concerned which touched and concerned the land, and therefore an assignee of the reversion was not obliged to repay money which it had never received. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in allowing as appeal by Hua Chiao Commercial Bank Ltd from the

Commercial Bank Ltd from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong on April 18, 1985, allowing an appeal by the renant, Chiaphua Industries Ltd (formerly known as Chiap Hua Clocks & Watches Ltd) from a judgment of Mr Justice Mayo on January 14, 1985, in the High Court, whereby he dismissed the tenant's appeal from the order of Master Boa dismissing the tenant's application for a hable to return to the tenant the security deposit of HK. \$277,896.

Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr John Furber for the bank, Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, for

LORD OLIVER said that by a lease, Fook Kin Enterprises Co Ltd, as landlord, granted to the tenant a lease of certain premises in Hong Kong for a term of five years from February 1 1979

term of nive years now.

1, 1979.

Clause 4(h) provided that the tenant should pay to the land-lord \$277,896 as a security deposit on or before the signing of the lease and if there should the lease are should the lease and if there should the lease are should the lease and if there should the lease are should the lease and if there should the lease are should the lease and if the lease are should the lease are should the lease and if there should the lease are should the be no breach of any of the terms and conditions on the part of the tenant the deposit should be returned to the tenant at the expiration of the term.
In 1982 Fook Kin mortgaged its interest in the reversion to The application would be disnissed.

Mr Justice Russell agreed.

Solicitors: H. Pierce; Mr Richand G. Hemmings. Croydon.

Mr Justice Russell agreed.

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deposit.

possession of the mortgaged property and took receipt of the rents and profits. Fook Kin subsequently went into The security deposit, which was equivalent to two months

rent, bad been paid by the tenant to Fook Kin at the commencement of the lease. On January 31, 1984, the lease expired. The tenant was not then in breach of any of the terms and conditions nor was any breach before or after the ment of the reversion to

the bank suggested.

It was not in dispute that the test of whether the original landlord's covenant to return the amount of the deposit was enforceable against a successor in title was the same as if the lease had been a lease of land in whether the covenant was one "entered into by a lessor with reference to the subject-matter of the lease or, to use the common law terminology, whether it was a covenant which "louches and concerns the Nor was there any disagree-

ment about the formulation of the test for determining whether any given covenant touched and concerned the land. Their Lord-ships had been referred to and were content to adopt the passage in Cheshire and Burn's Modern Law of Real Property (13th edition (1982) p430-431).
The criocal question was whether, assuming that as a matter of construction of the

clause there could be deducted the intension by the original parties that the benefit and burden of the landlord's obligation for payment should pass without express assignment or whingsi express assignment or novatino to and against succes-sors in title, that was a result which, having regard to the nature and purpose of the obligation, was capable of achievement. As regarded that question their Lordships found themselves unable to agree with the decision reached by the Court of Appeal in Hong Kong. In the High Court Mr Justice Mayo, in holding that the laodlord's obligation to "return" the deposit was not one

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where the relevant facts were substantially indistinguishable from those in the instant case. In that case Mr Justice Grant in the Ontario High Court concluded

(at p226) after an extensive review of the English authorities:
"It would appear ... that such an arrangement as is set forth in the guarantee clause of the lease ... is a personal obligation only between the immediate landlord and his lessee. It is not such an arrangelessee. It is not such an arrange-ment as deals with 'the subject-matter of the lease'. As Dollar Land received no part of the \$165 paid by the tenant Sol-omon, I do not find any obligation on its part to now repay the same to Solomon." The Court of Appeal of Hong Kong declined to follow that

Kong declined to follow that authority, observing that al-though the cases cited to Mr Justice Grant supported the general proposition that a covenant by a party to a lease to pay a sum at the end of the term was personal to the original parties, be did not have (and nor did Mr Justice Mayo) the benefit of the citation of the two English cases which put a gloss upon that general proposition, namely Mansel v Norion ([1883] 22 ChD 769) and Lord Howard de Walden v Barber ([1903] 19

TLR 183).
With respect to the Court of Appeal, their Lordships did not find either of those cases of great assistance in the solution of the question raised by the appeal.

The tenant argued that in as much as its obligation to pay over the deposit on the execuone of the lease was an obligation to secure the performance of covenants which touched and concerned the land, it was an obligation inextricably asso-ciated with covenants whose benefit and burden would pass with the reversion in the lease respectively.
The landlord's obligation to

repay if those covenants were observed was, it was argue inseparable from that associated sessed the same characteristics as the covenants whose perforwhich ran with the reversion, another way, the obligation to affect the mode of using or relied upon In re Humer's Lease deposit was an obligation of the cujoying that which was de-

tenant assumed by him qua correlative obligation of the sumed by him qua landlord

That the original tenant's obligation to make the deposit was "bound up" with his obliga-oon to perform the tenant's covenants in the lease was a once-for-all contractual obliga-tion between the original parties as to which no question of transfer with the term or with the reversion could arise. The appeal was concerned with the landlord's obligation to

with the landiord's obligation in repay ooce the lease had expired without breach of covenant, there being neither any obliga-tion on the original landlord to pay over the amount of the deposit to an assignee of the reversion nor any obligation on the original tenant to assign to an assignee of the term his contractual right to receive back the amount of the deposit when and if the condition for its repayment was fulfilled.

tenant's covenant only, as it were, at one remove, as being an obligation correlative to a contractual obligation which was itself connected with the performance of covenants touching and concerning the The tenant strongly relied

upon Moss Empires Ltd v Olympia (Liverpool) Ltd ([1939] AC 544) but that was a very different case and their Lordships were not persuaded that it was, or was ever intended to be, authority for the proposition that every covenant which was related, however obliquely, to some other obligation which touched and concerned the land necessarily took on from that very relationship the same character as regarded transmis-sibility to or against successors in title.

To say that the obligation to "return" the amount of the deposit was "inextricably bound up with coverants which touched and concerned the land did not answer the critical question of whether it itself touched and concerned the land. It did out per se affect the nature, quality or value of the mance was secured by the land either during or at the end associated obligation. To put it of the term. It did not per se another way, the obligation to affect the mode of using or mised. To ask whether it af-fected the landlord qua landlord or the tenant qua tenant begged the question. It did so only if it ran with the reversion or with the land respectively.
There was not, on any con-

ceivable construction of the clause, anything which either divested the original tenant of his contractual right to receive back, after assignment, the de-posit which he had paid or which enotited an assignee from him to claim the benefit of the sum to the exclusion of his assignor; and, plainly, the money could not be repaid more

than once.

Equally, there was not on any conceivable construction anything in the clause which entitled the assignee of the reversion to take over from his assignet the benefit of the sum assignor the benefit of the sum deposited or which obliged the assignee, in enforcing the covenants against the tenant for the time being, to give credit for money which he had never received and to which be had no The deposit was paid to the

original payee because it was security for the performance of contractual obligations assumed throughout the term by the payer and because the payer was the party with whom the contract was entered into, but it was more realistie to regard the obligation as one entered into

mained as between himself and the original payer, throughout the period of the lease, even though neither party might, when the condition was ful-filled, have any further interest in the land demised.

The nature of the obligation was simply that of an obligation to repay money which had been received and it was neither necessary or logical, simply because the conditions of repay-ment related to the performance of covenants in a lease, that the transfer of the reversion should create in the transferee an additional and coextensive obligation to pay money which he had never received and in which he never had any interest,

or that the assignment of the term should vest in the assignee the right to receive a sum which the right to receive a sum which he had never paid.

In re Dollar Land Corporation
Lid v Solomon ([1963] 39 DLR.
(2d) 221) was rightly decided. In all material respects it was indistinguishable from the instant case. Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed. should be allowed

Summary application Belsham v William Dawson &

Sons Ltd and Another

Where a judge was invited at the beginning of the trial of an action to give judgment for the plaintiff forthwith on all or part of his claim and then to proceed with the trial of the defendant's counterclaim, he should treat the application as if it were an application for summary judg-ment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and follow the practice set out in note 14/3-4/13 in The Supreme Court Practice 1985.

It was most undesirable, even in urgent matters, that a note of the judgment below should be put before the Court of Appeal without the judge having been asked to approve it, if only informally.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas and Lord Justice Purchas and Lord Justice Nourse) so stated no November 25, allowing the defendant's appeal from an order of Mr Justice Potts who on the court of the court the previous day had given judgment for the plaintiff on trial to proceed on the defendants' counterclaim.

Correction

in Barrets & Baird (Whole-sale) Lid v IPCS (The Times November 26) counsel for the plaintiffs were Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr P. A. Goulding: and for the defendants. Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC and Mr S. C. Rubin. tfolio old ineer's tastic' vin

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Fort Rupert can underline the versatility of Walwyn stable

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Although Peter Walwyn's career on the turf is associated principally with the deeds of Grundy, Humble Duty, English Prince and Polygamy, classic winners all, it should not be forgotten during these winter months that he cut his teeth on jumpers in the early sixties when he was training at Windsor House in Lambourn, having previously held a Flat licence at Biewbury on behalf

of Helen Johnsoo Houghton. In fact, the first winner that Walwyn trained on his own account was Don Verde, who triumphed in a division of the Heowick Novices' Hurdle at Worcester on October 22, 1960 in the hands of the then Mr Joho Lawrence, oow Lord Oaksey.

After winning twice more that season, Don Verde then met with a fatal accident at Cheltenham where he was still in with a good chance of winning the Couoty Hurdle at

Undaunted, Walwyn enjoyed further successes in the umping arena with Royal Spirit, Taxynthus, Gail Greine and Flambeau before he finaily became totally absorbed with Flat racing.

Now, after a break of 20 odd years, he is intent on keeping himself and his staff active during the winter by schooling and running a few horses over

have been two to score already this term and at Wincanton today I shall be both surprised and disappointed if Fort Rupert (oap) fails to add the Wessex Handicap Hurdle to his spoils now that Hypnosis has been withdrawn.

A winner over today's course and distance last Janu- Cerne Abbas Novices' Chase ary, at the rewarding odds of 33-1. Fort Rupert will oot start at nearly such an appealing price today following that impressive performance at finished fourth in the Sun Chepstow at the beginning of Alliance Novices' Hurdle at this month when nothing Cheltenham last March and

straight.

As None Too Dear, the runner-up that day, has won by six lengths in the meantime, the form looks solid and I expect Fort Rupert to prove too good for Timely Star, April Prince and Easter Lee, who represents David Elsworth instead of Hypnosis.

Following creditable runs at Parang and Fort Rupert Doubleton looks a fair bet to win the Chard Handicap Chase. On the West Country course he was third to Admiral's Cup and Western Sunset (a winner since) while Bt Newbury he accounted for all but the smart, if somewhat unpredictable, Little Bay.

My principal interest in the concerns Aberlow. Trained in Upper Lambourn by Simon Christian, whose horses are running well now, Aherlow finished fourth in the Sun

looked like beating him in the he looks just the type to succeed at steeplechasing.

Otherwise it should pay to follow Hywel Davies riding Fence Judge (12.45) and Co Member (2.15) for Tim Forster. Fence Judge was third to Annie Ra on his first appearance on a racecourse and if that mare manages to win the first division of the Askett Novices' Hurdle at Warwick (12.30), his own chance of winning the first division of the Young Farmers Novices Hurdle at Wincanton a quarter of an hour later will look

Indamelody in the Shipston Handicap Chase (1.30) on the Midlands track will draw attention to the chance that Co Member has of registering his third victory at Wincanton in the Lord Stalbridge Me-morial Gold Cup. Recently they finished first and third in the same race at Warwick and I believe that Co Member will have benefited greatly from

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Similarly, another win for

even greater.



Infielder and Gary Moore clear the last fence on their way to victory in the Astaire Stockbroker Novices' Chase at Plumpton yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Brown has winner and crashing fall

Colin Brown, who rides the favourite, Floyd, io Saturday's Mecca Bookmakers Hurdle at Sandown, escaped with just bruises after a crashing fall from Maitredee in the Cuckmere Handicap Chase at Plumpton

yesterday. Maitredee fell at the fifth last fence together with Prince Moon, ridden by the 7lb claimer, Tony Charlton, who was also unburt. Brown was brought back in an ambulance and examined by the course doctor who said: "Nothing seri-ous but he was badly winded." Having earlier ridden his sixteenth winner of the seasoo on Delator, Brown stood down

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from riding Our Tilly in the last race but said: "I'm all right and I'll be riding tomorrow."

Fledge, who had marginally led Prince Mooo and Maitredee, made a mistake at the fence at which his rivals fell. This allowed Manston Marauder to go oo and beat Fledge by 21/2

The 11-2 winner, a first of the season for the Chichester trainer, Peter Hedger, was well ridden by Penny Fitch-Heyes, who turned professional this

Also gaining an overdue vic-tory was the Brighton trainer, Charlie Moore, whose Infielder, ridder by his son, Gary, landed

the Astaire Stockbroker Novices Chase by 10 lengths. Infielder was a bargaio 1,950 guineas buy out of Fred Winter's

what a relief — I was beginning to think I couldn't train ivy up a wall," Moore said. "I've had six seconds from my 20 runners but oo winners. I've 40 horses and some lovely ones to come out."

Martin Pipe's Longhurst, winner No. 41 for Peter Scudamore, sparked off a Somerset double which was completed in the Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase by Delator.

The nine-year-old was moved up to second place on the final circuit by Brown and took the lead at the third last before cruising bome 12 lengths clear of Colonel Christy. Wardle, who

also won the race 12 months ago with Crowning Moment, said: "Delator is his own worst enemy and has thrown away about nine races for me, Colin was riding him for the first time

Might Move was made 11-4 favourite to complete a Pipe-Scudamore double in Division 2 of the Novices hurdle but could finish only fourth behind champioo trainer Nick Henderson's Golden Croft, who gave Steve

only ride of the day. Courageous Regal Steel relishes his new role

Regal Steel, placed 54 times fourth in the Craven Arms on the Flat, was victorious in a Selling Hurdle. oew sphere at Ludlow yesterday. The eight-year-old's win in the Wooffertoo Novices' Hurdle ooly his second attempt at the winter sport — bore the hallmark of the courage he has shown throughout his long Flat career.

A confirmed froot-runger, Regal Steel was headed with two flights to go by Smithys Choice but came back on the run-in and put in a determined challenge to beat Supreme Charter by half a

"I hadn't tried Regal Steel over jumps until a month ago when be jumped superbly. I told Peter Dever oot to touch him with the whip as the old horse would do all he could for him and he came back just as I thought he would," said Reg Hollinshead.

Nick Dawe, the former Flat jockey, was suspended for four days starting December 5, for careless riding oo Careen, who was disqualified after finishing

The stewards found that Careen had interfered with unplaced Gold Sovereign after the last

champioo polot-to-point trainer who saddled his first winner as a public trainer at Southwell last week, was on the mark again with the Irish im-port, Wild Flyer, in the Halford Novices' Hurdle. Mark Pitman was bruised after his mount. Abba Lad, struck ioto the rails in the back straight and unscated him. Socks Downe jumped well

and was never headed when winning the Ludford Handicap Chase, while Bundle Boy gave Fim Thomson Jones a splendid ride when landing the Court Of Hill Amateur Riders Handicap Chase for Anne, Duchess of

Plumpton results

16 ran. NR: Sonny Hill Lad. 4, 4l, sh hd. 4l, 4l. R Frost et Bucktastleigh. Tote: 28.10, 22.30, 21.60, 27.00. DF: 216.30, CSF: 228.16. Winner bought in for 2,700 gns. Careen finished fourth but efter a Stewards' Inquiry was disqualified. Stewards Inquiry was disqualified.

1.15 (2m of) 1, BUNDLE BOY (Mr T Thomson Jones, 8-4 Fav); 2, Laurannum fairs G Rees, 5-1); 3, Rough Entimetr (Mr, R Belamy, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Schause Boy (5th), Takestonce, 8 Ledbury Lad (4th), 16 Secretary General (5th), 25 Master Boot, 50 Mislar Lucky (pu), Stop Fighting (pu), 10 ren. NF: Mitre House, 11, 61, 11, 251, 11/4. T Forster at Wantage, Tota: 22.10; 21, 10, 21, 70, 24.20. DF: £5.00. CSF: £3.85. Thicast: £148.12. DF: 25.00. CSF: E8.95. Tricest: £148.12.

1.46 (2m 5f hole) 1, WILD FLYER (B Dowling, 12-1); 2, Harley Street Man (R Hyett, 20-1); 3, Rich Missiel (S Morshead, 20-1); 3, Rich Missiel (S Morshead, 20-1); 40.5 GAN: 6-4 fay Fishpord (6th), 9-4 Britanogan (4th), 12 Discharkine, 14 Abba Lad (sst), 16 Actia, Headun (pu), Mariner's Star, 20 Kneck Hard, 33 Will's Warror (5th). Another Leason, Foreign Friend (pu), Gold Ralder (pu), Knacab Sibi, Scale Model, Shahdardah, 18 ran, 5, 10, rit, 6, 9, 1, R Lee at Practigne, Total (1, 1), 24, R Lee at Practigne, Total (1, 1), 25, 10, 23, 40, 23, 90, DF: 25, 50 (winner or second with any other horse).

CSF: \$217.96.

2.15 (2m ch) 1. CANTABILE (Jacqui Other, 12-1); 2. Go Anna Gor(P Wenner, 6-1); 3. Hopefall Chimes (C Jones, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Sperismo, 7-2 Golden Redeamer (4th), 8 Connaught Cleaners (5th), 12 Solitario (I), 14 Broche (5th), Mandag (ou), 20 Noble Blade, 50 Pucts. Pador (pu), Sam's Friend (I), 12 ran, NR: Double Barrel, Handy Gray, 10t, 15t, 15t, 1d, 15t, 1ady S Brooke 8t Pencombe, Tote: £11.20; £25.50, £1.30, £4.10. DF: £24.20, CSF: £77.59.

2.45 (2m hole) 1, REGAL STEEL () Dever, 3-1 Fayl; 2, Supreme Charler (C Marm, 7-1); 3, Smithy's Chole (M Williams 8-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Maladiction (6th), 4 Darmy's Luck, 33 Billion Melody, Bonna Colino, Dusty Patrol, Kate'a Pnde, Merry Tom, Pithy (Sth), Tim Bobbin, Mini Pie (pu), Sweetwater Less, The Golf Side, 17 ma, NT: Discover Gold, 31, 31, 31, 131, 51, R Hollinshed at plinshead at Upper Longdon, Tous: 1.70: £1.50, £4.10, £2.90, DF: £10.30, SF: £23.53, After a Stewards' Inqury,

3.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, SOCKS DOWNE (\$ McNeil, 5-1); 2, County Player (R Hyer, 8-1); 3, Echo Sounder (H Davies, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 A Boy Named Slout, 15-2Landing Board (5th), Scots Nogger (6th), 9 Fith Column, 10 Wainut Wonder, 16 The Floorlayer (4th), 9 ran, NR: Smart Repty, Stpalong, 2%, 2%, 8h hd, 16, 31, 31, 4king at Swindon, Tote: £7.40; £3.00, £2.20, £1.20. DF; £31.70, GSF; £44.91, Tricast £125.11.

3.45 (2m flat) 1, PRIDE HILL (Miss) 3.4S (2m flat) 1, PRIDE HILL (Miss T Davis, 3-4); 2, Autumn Sport (8 McCrystal, 6-4 fav); 3, Dockdanda Express (Géorge Kright, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Coyle's Express, 6(m), 12 Chrismas Freilly. 13 Wystwyg. 20 Cornisti Spring, Selcombe (4th, 25 Telanag, 50 Astron Express, Ballosteros, King Sear, Little Bryme, Mansab, The Cheeseman, Briden Girl, Dending Clara (6th), Fabulous Molly, Meggle Micciw. Travegien Star. 20 ran. st. Ranschndge, Tota: 22.90; 21.80, 21.10, 25.50, DF: 25.50, CSF: 25.43. Maclean in mood to make history

SQUASH RACKETS

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By Colin McQuillan

A Scotsman will occupy centre stage for the first time at today's interCity national championships at Bristol. His name is Mark Maclean. Take note of it. He is a player who grows in courage, intelligence and uoderstanding almost match by match.

Maclean, the thirteenth seed. defeated Londoo's seventh-seeded Neal Harvey yesterday when, having already made history as the first Scot in the semi-finals of these British nationals, he rose from apparent despair to win 9-4, 6-9, 3-9, 9-7. 9.0 in 81 minotes. The previous day he bear Philip Whitlock, of Devon, with an even more marked resurrection which left him sick with exhaustion. History attaches itself to some

sportsmen and Maclean appears to be one such. He surprised the squash world last year when he came down from Edinburgh with an economics degree to with an economics degree to play national league squash from a base in Bradford and promptly ended the 20-year undereated domestic record of the former world champion, Joneb Barrington.

There were few around the Perspex court at Temple Meads station yesterday prepared to offer Macleau much chance of similarly overnaming Harvey, aged 27, who drove the second seed, Geoff Williams, from the court with thoughtful skill to reach his second national semi-final.

The Scotsman himself was doubtful half-way through the fourth game that he could stop Harvey's continued progress to a first final. He started brilliantly, taking the opening game in 18 minutes of measured accuracy. But Harvey struck back to the second and the third with tactics remarkably similar to those successfully employed against Williams and seemed poised for victory at 5-1 in the fourth.

But Maclean's game is remarkably testing for his opponents. Aged 22, he is tall but not yet feeling his full strength, yet he displays a remarkable knack for producing unsuspected stamina at vital moments. High in the shoulder and long of arm, he carries an elegant graphite racket by its furthest extremity and applies string to ball with occasional wristy cunning be-tween sharp volleys and drives of perfect length and width.

The physical exertion de-manded by his neat spread of Smith Eccles a winner on his manded by his near spread or play and silky movement to even the most precise placement was suddenly illustrated yes-terday when, with Maclean serv-ing defensively at 2-5 in the fourth, Harvey failed totally to respond to a floating backhaid boast to the front right corner. It was the first sign of weak-

Careen started joint-favourite with the winner, Bellekino, whom Jimmy Frost brought with a strong tate run to score by four lengths from Tinsel Rose.

It was the first sign of weak-smoothly capable Londoner and it proved entirely indicative of fast-fading reserves. Maclean gathered the next five points io a single hand and went on to win the game with shrewd applicatioo of front-court tactics.

Just as be had dragged himself from the brink of quarter-final disaster, the Scot needed that merest glimpse of opportunity to trigger amazing resurgence He strode ioto the fifth game with the self-instruction "now push him." Within four minutes e was the first Scotsman in the British final. RESULTS: Men's seed-finals: M M bt N Harvey, 9-4, 6-9, 3-8, 9-7, 9-0.

CYCLING Cut in the number of tour days

Brussels (AFP) - The major national tours, including the sport's most famous race, the Tour de France, will be restricted to a maximum of 22 days from 1988.

The limit, imposed by the International Cycling Union at their congress here, includes prologue and rest day, and the races will oot be allowed to

cover more than three weekends. This year's Tour de France was stretched over 24 days and. in 1987, with the start being made in West Berlin, it will fast 26 days. The race was originally due to begin oo July 2, but the prologue has now been brought

forward by 24 bours.
The other major national tours take place in Italy and Spain, and the union's measures, clearly aimed at rightening the calendar to create room for new events, will also lead to a reduction in the length of other stage races.
For example, the Coors Clas-

sic, in the United States, will be cut to a fortnight and allowed to include two weekends, the Tour one weekend, and events such as the Paris to Nice to six days. However, at the same time as announcing the changes for 1988, the international calendar, which was expected to be an-

oounced later yesterday, for a transitional season next year, will see the introduction of ountrous new races.

FOOTBALL

PRISTO Rovers v Brentford (7.45)
VALIDHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco
Cap: Second round: Basildon v Leafhermani; Bognor Regis v Harrow, Herford v Dutwich Hamlet; Leytonsome and
lifterd v Tibur;
POOTBALL COMBUNATION: Charlton v
Reading (2.0).

2.15 LORD STALBRIDGE MEMORIAL GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,515: 3m 1f) WINCANTON Selections By Mandarin 2.15 Co Member. 2.45 Aherlow. 3.15 Perfect Double. 12.45 Fence Judge. 1985: BROADHEATH 8-11-7 P Nicholls (4-9 tay) O Burchs 4 ran

FORM ALLEO NEWCASTLE (10-7) disappointing when pulsed up behind everetit (11-9) at Kemptos
(3m, good). Best pudged on earlier effort when (12-6) beating Major Tom (10-2) 21 over this
course and distance (21-982. firm, Sagt 18, 6 ran). CO MEMBER (10-10) was carrying a little condition when 3rd to indamelody (10-5) at Warwink (2m, 23/25, good, Nov 15, 4 ran). BARGILL (11-3) could find little from the
2rd last when 15-34 4th to Calife Slave (11-6) at Worcester (3m, 21-892, sort, Nov 19, 10 ran). MR CAMDY (11-0)
on final outling last season was bentinn a head by Asthone (11-0) at Fontwell (3m 2/ Nov Ch, 21955, good, Mai
18, 11 ran). FAIR CHILD showed fittel in 3 English outnigs last season. Previously (9-8) beat Doubtful Venture
(11-6) 3/J at Limerick (3m 11, 22070, yielding to soft, Oct 6, 12 ran). Selection: ALLIED NEWCASTLE 1.15 Doubleton. 1.45 FORT RUPERT (nap). By Michael Seely 1.45 Easter Lee. 2.45 Aberlow.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rading: 1.45 APRIL PRINCE. Guide to our in-line racecard 2.45 CERNE ABBAS NOVICE CHASE (£1,586: 2m 5f) (20 runners) 103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure and distance winner. BF-betten tavourite in latest form (F-left. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-bruppit down. S-stipped up. R-ratused). Horse's verbit. Rider plus any allowance. The Times rame (B-binkers. V-rescr. H-hood. E-byeshed. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course Going: good to soft 12.45 YOUNG FARMERS NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £863: 2m) (17 runners) OBFO-12 BLACK SHEEP (CD) (Mrs E Dudgeon) I Dudgeon 8-10-8
BLUE RIELD (J Kenny) D Kenny 5-10-8.

OCATVING KNIEF (Capt T Forster) T Forster 4-10-8.

3 FENCE JUDGE (S Preston) T Forster 4-10-8.

PO GALLOIS BOSCUET (T Bertlett) C Popham 5-10-8.

HELLO ROCKY (R Shaw) Miss E Snny4 5-10-8.

OUFO-1 COHFEN (O Greig) D Greig 5-10-8.

FO LOSS ADJUSTER (J Huckle) C Triotline 4-10-8.

FP- MEXICAN JOE (Mrs M Smith) G Ham 5-10-8.

OFPPRO RUSTY BOY (F Ayres) R Lee 7-10-8.

OPPPRO RUSTY BOY (F Ayres) R Lee 7-10-8.

OPPO-3 SALLOIS REWARD (F Carter) J King 4-10-8.

OPO-0 SKYLARK WONDEK (J Hum) L Kennard 4-10-8.

3P0230 EXCYTER (G Tanner) I Wardle 6-10-8.

SPRING PHILTRE (C Best) O Elsworth 4-10-3.

1986: DOUBLETON 4-10-8 R Rowe (85-40 [av] L) J Frost 98 -W Knox (4) FORM TAKE A BOW has disappointed on last two starts but previously (10-1) had made most to beat The Floorlayer (10-7) 6I over this course and distance (H*cap Ch, £2117, firm, Sept 18, 11 ran).
AMERIOW makes chasing debut today after proving himself useful over hundles. On final outing last season (11-1) finished 8I 2nd to Canute Express (11-8) at Liverpool (2m 5f, £5665, good to soft, Apr 5, 15 ran).
BOWNDEN (11-5) 77 3rd to Treyford (11-5) with FITZCAVLE (11-5) pulled up at Warwick (2m 4f, £1961, good, Nov 15, 16 ran). CAVVIES CLOWN (11-2) ran with credit when 2 2nd to Summons (11-2), with THRUCHAM LAD (11-2) an 8th fence faller have (2m, £1664, good to soft. Nov 13, 12 ran). WITC (10-12) 3th falling to complete the course at Worcester (2m 4f, £3410, soft, Nov 19, 17 ran). GREEN IVY (10-10) on final outing last season was 27% 49th to Anna's Mile (11-0) here (2m, £1213, soft, Mar 35, 7 ran).
Selection: CAVVIES CLOWN 81 8-1 89 10-1 1985: DOUBLETON 4-10-8 R Rowe (85-40 (av) L Kennerd 13 ran FORM BLACK SHEEP (11-0) found Fishpond (10-9) Si too good at Hereford (2m 4/, good to seft). Previously (10-0) best Been Mugged (10-0) 1½ here (2m, £1352, good, Oct 30, 14 ran). FENCE JUDGE (10-10) shaped nicely when 7/3/d to Annie Ra (10-5), also here (2m, £959, good to soft, Nov 13, 23 ran). LOSS ADJUSTER (11-0) had DISPORT (11-5) 15/ back in 6th when 11½/15th to Federal Trooper (11-0) et Newbury (2m, £1432, good to soft, Nov 12, 14 ran); a race in which LOCHTEN (11-0) was behind. 3.15 YOUNG FARMERS NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £868: 2m) (20 runners) 1.15 CHARD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,959: 2m) (7 runners) 1985: PADDYBORIO 7-11-3 R Rowe (6-4 fav) J Gifford 5 ran FORM A faller on most recent start TARN (10-13) was previously a head 2nd to Fast Fight (10-6) at Fortwell (2m 2f, 22536, good to firm, Oct 2, 7 ran), AKRAHI won six times last season. On penultimate of those (11-1) beat DOUBLETON (11-4) Stat Newton Abbot (2m Nov H Tag Ch, 22731, good to sorf, May 9, 7 ran), PURKA MAJOR (11-8) weakened inside the final half mile when 13% 5th to Majuba Road (11-0) on reappearance at Hustingdon (2m, £1632, good, Nov 15, 7 ran), DOUBLETON (10-0) far from disgraced when 5 and to Little Bay (11-10) at Newton (2m, £1632, good, Nov 15, 7 ran), DOUBLETON (10-0) far from disgraced when 5 and 10-10 far from disgraced when 5 and 1.45 WESSEX HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,355: 2m) (13 numers) 1-0 BESPOKE (Mrs W Hern) T Forster 5-11-10 ... M Pitnan
G Moore 12022-0 TIMELY STAR (B Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4 002FF3/ EASTER LEE (D) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 6-10-8..... 10 8112/32- APHIL PRINCE (P FOWER) F Witter 5-(0-5)
11 2/8416-0 TACIADOR (CDI) P Axon) R Hodges 5-10-4.
12 1423-21 FORT RUPERT (CD) (L Smith) P Walvyn 4-10-4.
13 2321-13 OPEN THE BOX (B,D) (S Mason) G Building 7-10-4. (40x) ...
16 1/300-0 HARBOUR BRIDGE (CD) (M/s A Lacey) 1 Oudgeon 8-10-0 ...
17 4/UP-0 NEVEROF (J Mandeville) G Gracey 8-10-8.
18 4010-40 TIMSAN (C) (M/s K Burling) A Moore 8-10-0 ... W irvine (7) 81 — 91 8-1 94 8-1 1985: No corres FORM TIMELY STAR (11-10) not knocked about on reappearance when well behind Record Harvest (10-5) at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). On final start last season (11-0) finished a creditable 212nd to Arribates (11-7) at Cheltenham (2m, 210702, heavy, Apr 16, 19 ran). A useful juverile hurdler MUSIC WON-DER (11-10) ran only once last season, when 30 6th to Nothis (11-1) at Cheptstow (2m, 25053, good. Oct 85, 10 ran), LIPHAM GAMBLE (11-0) is on a het-mot effect belong off Sunny Slave (10-3) by a short head at Devon (2m 11, 21932, soft, Nov 11, 17 ran), EASTER LEE is having first outing since May 1985 when (11-6) 1213rd to Tight Turn (10-3) at Devon (2m 19 21578, firm, 10 ran). APRIL PRINCE (11-2) not seen out since finishing 21 2nd to Bronsiv (11-7) at Devon (2m 11, 21631, good to firm, 3 ran) a year ago. FORT RUPERT (10-9) took it up 2 furfongs out and went on to beat None Too Dear (10-7) at Chepstow (2m, 22675, good to soft, Nov 1, 11 ran). Selection: APRIL PRINCE

WARWICK

12.30 Annie Ra.

Going: good to soft

1.00 Solent Breeze 1.30 Iodamelody.

12.30 ASKETT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £812: 2m) (17 runners)

01 ANNIE RA (D) (Mrs E Evans) O Nicholson 4-10-12. IO-D ARTESRA (Mrs E Courage) M Wikinson 4-10-10.

TYRANNISE (D Ball) B McMahon 10-9 ..

1.30 SHIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,052: 3m) (5 runners)

Selections

By Mandario

Michael Seely's selection: 1.30 INDAMELODY (nap).

0 PROVE THE CASE (K Beltarry) M Oliver 6-10-10 J Duggers
B RAILWAY TRACK (T Nexon) T Porster 5-10-10 L Hervey (4)
0 VISUAL IDENTITY (F Jordan) F Jordan 4-10-10 C Smith
0-3 VITAL BOY (D Russe) R Noider 5-10-10 N Column
0 CAWARRA BELLE (B) (Mrs M Kenyon Holden) C James 5-10-5 B Smith Eccles
85- ROGERS PRINCESS (R Smith) M Tato 4-10-5 Jerseles Charles Jorge (7)
ST AMO (B Weils) Weils 4-10-5 Jerseles Charles Jorge (7)

1985: GERE 4-10-10 R Dunwoody (13-2) P Bevan 21 ran

1.0 LONGBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £548:

1986: TAYLORS RENOVATION 10-9 K Sims (7-1) L Lightbrown 18 ran

2 31F30-1 INDAMELOUY (CD) (Mrs M Thorns) N Henderson 6-11-11 S Smith Escies © 99 F5-4
3 1104-24 ETON ROUGE (D) (Mrs B Jenks) Mrs M Finnell 7-11-7 O McCourt
5 81/1031- GEMBASDGE JUPITER (A Carrer) C Tristing 9-11-6 Jenks
10 22-0223 ST ALEZAN (SF) (Lord Covenity) M Yate 6-10-10 87

1985: GREEN BRAMBLE 8-12-4 B Smith Eccles (11-10 fav) N Henderson 7 rai

Course specialists

2.00 Wharry Burn.

2.30 Rhoecus. 3.00 Spanish Reel.

3.30 Again Kathleen.

93 F5-2 91 ---86 12-1

93 8-1

... R Stronge — — S Morahend @ 99 3-1

.... K **Ryan**

T Tyran

.... M Bowley

W traine (7)
R Millenson
M Perrett 0P00-P SHERWOOD FOREST (N Payne) J Sayers 4-10-8... 442-020 SMITHY BEAR (Mrs J John) R Diston 4-10-8... COMPELLING (Mrs P McConnel) O Eleworth 4-10-3. 91 18-1 J Frost - 18-1 B Powell -OP HILT-DOWN LASS (P Highan) Miss E Sneyd S-10-3.

O LEGAL AID (P Hill) L Kennard 8-10-3.

PERSIAN PERSON (P Pullinger) G Gracey 4-10-3.

YOUCH OF LUCK (R Packer) Mrs A Knight 4-10-3. A Carroll 83 14-1 1965: KITTO 5-11-2 Mr J Bosley (11-10 tav) F Winter 6 ran FORM DIMENSION (10-1) training 24 4th to Perdyne's Pride (10-0) at Warwick (2m N'cap H). Previously (11-0) beat CANIUCK CLOWN (11-0) 21 at Plumpton (2m, 2085, good to soft, Nov 10, 18 ran). Subsequently CANIUCK CLOWN (10-10) found 10 ms Treasure (10-5) 101 too good at Windsor (2m, 2085, good to soft, Nov 17, 14 ran), a race in which POLAR GLEN (10-10) was 20% back in 6th, PERFECT DOUBLE (10-9) made a winning reappearance when beating Federal Trooper 21 (11-7) at Newbury (2m, 22074, soft, Nov 22, 21 ran), NEW PORTEST LAD (11-0) kept on at the same pace when 63 and to High Viscosity (11-0) at Devon (2m 17, 244, soft, Nov 11, 18 ran), POLAR GLEN (11-1) best effort when 63 and to High Viscosity (11-0) at Devon (2m 17, 244, soft, Nov 11, 18 ran), POLAR GLEN (11-1) best effort when 63 and to High Viscosity (11-0) at Taunton (3m 11, 2517, good to firm, Oct 23, 13 ran), SMRTHY BEAR (11-0) disappointing last time, Previously (10-12) 11/4 2nd to Erasin Ruler (10-12) at Wedvertrampton (2m 41, 2856, firm, Nov 5, 12 ran), SMULL RUW (10-9) shaped well on hurdling debut when 20 5th to Taurelle (10-9) at Hereford (2m, 21447, good to soft, Nov 11, 11 ran). Selection: PERFECT DOUBLE Course specialists TRAINERS Only qualifiers Goling: soft

1.0 (2m India) 1, LONGGRURST (P
Soudamone, 9-4 fav); 2, Precloses Link (C
Warran, 20-1); 3, Heares Or Avery (C
Brown, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Raffie Run,
100-30 Beechwood Cottage, 10 learo
(Sitt), 12 Ocean Traster (pu), 16 Beau Dire,
33 Crammang (4th), Forward Mova, Pells
Close, Rhode Island Red (pu), Stadta
Publicity (Sith), Sindur (pu), 14 ran, Denoing
Ballerina, 2%, 8, 6, 20, 2, M. Pipe at
Wellington, Tote: £3.50; £1.20, £10.80,
£3.70. DP: £40.20, CSR: £41.44,
1.30 (2m et al.) 2.0 EROSTIN GROUP GREAT BRITAIN V AUSTRALIA HANDICAP HURDLE (Round I: B Smith Eccles B Sherwood P Delaney 1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, BWTELLER (G Moore, 9-2 fav) 2, Royal Harbour (C Cox, 5-1); 3, Tophathar (B Powell, 15-2), ALSO RAN: 5 Boyne Samon (f), 6 Aren't We All (f), Epryane (4th dh), Answer To Prayer (4th dh), 18 Compton Boy (6th), 25 Palmerston, 83 Uncte Dat (pu), Folialight (f), Genbane Lady (pu), Romacina (pu), 14 ran. NR: Casilo Tatlot, 10, 25), 41, dead heat, 21 A Moore at Brighton. Tota: PRIOC, 22-40, 22-50, 10-F: \$13.20, CSF: 22-59, 2.0, CM 11 (ch), 10 F. 4708 (6 Pryane, 6.) 2.30 SHIRLEY NOVICE CHASE (£1,797: 2m) (11 runners) ### SU22-31 HIZ (D) (NA'S G MGFerren) L'Dudgeon 6-11-2 P Berton 6-93 F9-4 00400-0 CHARLIE'S COTTAGE (NA'S M Thome) N Henderson 6-10-10 B Smith Eccles 6-1 120P2-F COTTAGE RUN (NA'S M Rogers) D Nictolson 6-10-10 R Durmoodly 9-2 N-4-PPF GOLD CREEK (8) (B Nichrell) M McCourt 8-10-10 G NicCourt 9-004-000 MEZIARA (7) (B Scott) W R Williams 5-10-10 R Geldetele 2.0 (Sm 11 ch) 1, DELATOR (C Brown, 6-2: 2, Colonel Christy (G McCourt, 7-1; 3, Brown Vell (Miss of Armytage, 11-2; ALSO RAN: 7-2 (2v Mister Donut (Sh), 4 Doublesagain (ur), 12 Greenove Pride (40), 14 Marcy Less (pu), Round The Twist (ps), 6 ran, 12, 2, 251, 12, 1 Wardle at Wels, 10te; 25, 30; 52, 10, 51, 50, 51, 10. DF: 218.30, CSF, E30, 59. 3.0 ASKETT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £790: 2m) (18 runners) SKETT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £790: 2m) (18 rutin)
324-311 SPANISH REEL (D) (S Davies) J Edwards 4-11-10
21 REYNES (D) (D Dobson) J Jenkins 8-11-3
BELL DIP (P Holmes) J Webber 5-10-10
600-00 CAROL'S MUSIC (Mrs S Jenes) A Jenies 5-10-10
20-00 CAROL'S MUSIC (Mrs S Jenes) A Jenies 5-10-10
20-00 CAROL'S MUSIC (Mrs S Jenes) A Jenies 5-10-10
20-01 CAROL'S MUSIC (Mrs M Bevan) Mrs M Bevan 4-10-10
20-01 FLANKER (S Nècon) M Oliver 7-10-10
20-01 FLANKER (S Nècon) M Oliver 7-10-10
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Australia could still get the elbow even if Emburey calls off

Having started the first Test match against Australia in Brisbane as outsiders, England go into the second tomorrow as favourites. That they should do so is probably right, though defeat by New South Wales last weekend was a nasty reminder of how vulnerable England, as well as Australia, still are.

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There is also some slight doubt about Emburey's fitness, which is of concern both because of the part he played io England's successful start to the series and in view of a pitch that promises to turn. Embury complains of a pain just above the elbow of his bowling arm and has no

idea how it originated. There is talk of a pinched nerve, which would be preferable, if that is the right word, to tennis elbow. Emburey and the physiotherapist are reasonably confident that he will be on the field tomorrow. Whether or oot Emburey

plays, I confess to being uncertain about the likely course of the game. It is easy enough to say that if England play as well again here as they did in Brisbane they should win; but after all we have been through m 1986 it would take a confirmed optimist to believe with any certainty that they will. What, perhaps, gives England the edge is their much greater experience. They have, between them, something like 200 more caps than the

Nothing puts Australia's re-cent difficulties into better perspective than the fact that, of the | | that played for them in the Test against West Indies here only two years ago, no fewer than seven (Alderman, Dyson, Hogg, Hughes, Rackemann, Wessels and Yallop) are in South Africa and unlikely to play Test

Those are worse losses than England suffered during the Packer years and they explain why Gatting's side is now much the more seasoned of the two. Nor have Australia's selectors done anything to counter this by giving Border a couple of players conditioned to the sound of gunfire.

if England's plans would be badly upset if Emburey were missing. Botham, as a bats-man could still hold the key. To the Australians he must seem scarcely less of a threat though not with the ball) than Richard Hadlee did to England last summer: of his four Test hundreds against Austra-ha, three have opened the way to English victories.

But there are other encouraging portents. The first of Gower's two Test hundreds in Australia was here in Perth in 1978-79 and Lamb has been to excellent form. Dilley and DeFreitas did well in Brisbane and Athey made his best Test score there. If England's victory in the first Test would not have happened without Botham, the whole team made a contribution of some kind or

And now the matter of confidence, which plays so great a part in all sports. Because il does, I regret the attitude in the England camp, however superficial, that there are only five matches on the tour of any account, by which, of course, are meant the Tests.

Had England not batted so badly against New South Wales, they would be in better shape to make the runs they need now. Border feels he has a side of genuine promise, lacking only in confidence. It is because England have got to keep on top of them, for fear of a repetition of 1958-59 when Australia, young and is spending the English winter unfancied, suddenly in Perth, might be sent for.

When the Wacker Neale after 'missing went fair wacky ingredient'

Two bizarre incidents may come to mind as thoughts turn to Perth and the second Test match with Australia. Each concerned as Australian opening bowler from Perth itself: one made a eself look a foo

On December 15, 1979 many people believed that Dennis Liffee had literally gone off his tree when he forsook the traditional willow and walked to the wicket with an aluminium bat in his hand. Despite objections from Brearley, the England captain, the umpires and his own captain, Greg Chappell, it was 10 minutes (a lengthy commercial) cial by any metallurgist's stan-dards) before he could be persoaded to exchange it for the proper implement.

Three years later, oo England's last full tour of ustralia, crowd violence of the kind not usually associated with cricket erupted between rival England and Australian factions. The trouble began when about 15 spectators, some carry-ing Union Jacks, ran on to the field as England reached 400.

One of them cuffed round the head Terry Alderman, who gave chase and brought down his man with something else not usually associated with cricket, a rugby tackle, and dislocated his right shoulder in the process. He was not to play Test cricket again for nearly 16 months.

Perth is the only new ground to have been accepted into the coletie of Anglo-Anstralian Test venues during the past 50 years. To accommodate it the Austra-lian Cricket Board had to persuade MCC to agree to an imprecedented six-match series ia 1970-71. Perth's first Test proved a great success, with over 84,000 attending, and it was not long before the Western Austra-lian Cricket Association (the ground is known colloquially as the "Wacker") was being as-signed a match every year.

ta each of the five England-Australia Tests at Perth the side winning the toss have always elected to field first. Not that it has done them much good: the one time that England did it they lost: Australia's return has been one win, two draws and a defeat. This is not something peculiar to these matches. In all Tests at Perth the trend is the same and the outcome equally mixed.

The theory is that the pitch will held early life for the fast, or more particularly fast-medium. bowlers, after which it will play better and better. For many years Perth used to be reckoned among the fastest and truest pitches in the world but more given significant belp to the seam bowlers, n number of whom have returned outstanding

luvariably, the side superior comfortably escaped with a this department have won.

regardless of which succes with the toss. In 1979-80 Botham, relied upon almost excessively by Brearley, took 11 wickets in 18.5 overs for England and Dymock, for Australia, took nine, including a matchinnings.

The medium-pace exponents have found an invaluable accouplice in the "Fremantie Doctor. a stiff breeze which blows off the Swan River in the middle of the day. Traditionally, this was called upon by the off-spinner, who could bowl into it with benefit, but of late he has not had much of a look-in.

All this puts a great premium on a side's close catching. Al Perth in 1974-75, when England were overrun in four days, the Australian stips and gully cor-don gave a brilliant exhibition of don gave a britiant exhibition of the art, accepting 13 out of 14 chances offered. One of them, Greg Chappell, established a Test record for a fieldsman with seven catches, all but two of them at second slip.

These days if batsmen are to make runs at Perth the likelihood is that they will have to graft for them. Boycott always used to like batting there. In 1979-80 he carried his bat for 99 not out, a heroic innings which almost saved England the game, in 1970-71 he hit only three houndaries in his 70 and in 1978-79 none at all in his seven-and-a-half-hour 77, though this was in part due to the long boundaries on the ground.

Four years ago Tavare occupied the crease there for a total of almost 10 hours over scores of 89 and nine. In the first innings he remained 66 not out for 90 minutes; in the second he took definities over the first run.
Against which it is unfair to
place Redpath's eight-hour 171
in Perth's inaugural Test but
that, too, was dull and dour.

England's five Tests in Perth have produced four centuries by their own batsmen and six hy Australia's, including two by Greg Chappell. By almost two hours the shortest of these has been Dong Walters's 103 in 1974-75, when he scored exactly 1974-75, when he scored exactly 100 between tea and close of play oo the second day, hitting the six runs he needed for his century in the period with a fierce pull off Willis from the last ball of the day.

England should perhaps be grateful that Lillee and Alderman will not be playing this time, for they always enjoyed bowling on their home patch. At Perth in 1982-83, when the fifth day began, Willis's side were in danger of defeat with n lead of 150 and not fire second-unings. danger of defeat with n lead of 150 and only five second-innings wickets remaining. Had Alder-man been fit throughout the match, Australia might well have won but, as it was, England

A thorn among roses

The second secon

Dickie Bird, the Yorkshire-born Test match ampire, has caused a stir by defecting to the red rose club, Lancashire. Bird, who lives at White Rose Cottage, Barnsley, is promoting Laucashire County Cricket Club in a move across the Pennines which has surprised his fellow Yorkshiremen.

front cover of n leaflet to promote business packages at Old Trafford. One member of the Yorkshire committee said:
"We were surprised to see him
promoting the enemy. But then,
Dickie never stops amizzing us."

A spokesman for Lancashire. said: Dickie was choseo be-Bird is pictured wearing bowler hats and carrying numbrellas and briefenses on the

Border to review tactics for Botham

blossomed, that they must

guard at all costs against

if, as I hope, both sides field,

Border said yesterday

morning, after practising alongside the Englishmen,

that he may have over-reacted

to Australia's defeat in Bris-bane, when he withdrew into

himself. "I was as dis-

appointed as we all were at

having played so badly, worse,

I hope, than we ever shall

From their hotel close by, England have been able to

walk to the nets and back, the

opening batsmen returning for

more in the afternoon. In 10

first-class innings on the tour

England have yet to get past 16 before losing a wicket.

ground yesterday where, as a young man of 19, he made 108

not out for MCC against

Western Australia in his first

innings of the 1950-51 tour,

the same score as Whitaker's

io his first innings out here. I

hope Whitaker enjoys his tour

Meanwhile, in a recent Sheffield Shield match be-

tweeo Western Australia and

Tasmania, Vic Marks had

Richard Ellison stumped for

42. He payed for it when, next

day, he was caught off Marks.

I suppose if Emburey is unable

to play tomorrow Marks, who

Phil Neale, the Worcester-

shire captain, yesterday en-dorsed his county's interest to

signing Ian Botham. After being

reappointed captain for a sixth season, Neale said: "If Somerset

let him go I would be very keen

lo the past two seasons Neale has twice led Worcestershire to

fifth place to the county championship as well as taking

them into three semi-finals ia

about the England all-rounder's reputation or his possible effect

on the dressing-room, he said: "I know our players would wel-come having Ian in the side. We

are so near to being a successful

side and I'm keen to find the missing ingredient that would ture us into a very good team."

Duncan Fearnley, the club chairman and leader of the Botham lobby at New Road, said the county committee had.

said the county committee had expressed its "full support" for moves to strengthen the playing

Two other counties to have

shown an interest in Botham are Derbyshire and Warwickshire.

Derbyshire are also considering an offer to Geoff Boycott, but

are waiting on Botham's re-sponse before making a decision

Adding that he has no worries

one-day competitions.

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Brian Close turned up at the

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back in time.

Allan Border, the Australian captain, was widely criticized for showing Ian Botham too much respect in the first Test match in Brishane but he will not be repeating the mistake in the second Test.

Border said yesterday: "We want to attack the guy. I don't like setting defensive fields, but I thought that was nor best tactic against him in the first Test. He responsible innings.

Botham, aged 31, set up England's seven-wicket victory with a magnificent 138. But he was never put under pressure, and was even offered singles—just to keep him away from the strike. and use, two spinners, it will be for the first time in an Anglo-Australian Test since Auglo-Australian Test since 1978-79. It has never happened in a Perth Test, against England or anyone else. West Indies have just done it to Karachi but they never did so under Clive Lloyd, if they could help it, nor will they under Richards. Should we see it here, it will be like looking back in time.

Strike.

However, Border continued yesterday: "We don't have a Botham complex. We do have a very healthy respect for him, but you can't take the respect too far. Botham has not had that much success in the past in Australia. History suggests he won't do what he did in Brisbane again but he is above. again, but he is always dangerous." lt was the old Border who spoke to repurlers after Australia's net practice yesterday. His sour-faced postmatch comments in Brisbane can be put down as an out-of-therester preference.

can be put down as an out-of-character performance, brought on by hitter disappointment.

"I might have gone a hit nverboard at Brisbane," he admitted. "Everyone was apset at the way we played because we thought." though! it was our biggest chance to beat England. But that

is history now.

"I just want us to play as well as I know we can in Perth. We are looking forward to this. The morale is good and we think we can min."

Barring test-minute injuries, Geoff Lawson, the last bowler, is certain to win his 37th cap—his first for nearly n year—after being only twelfth man for the first Test.

officially named until tomorrow morning, but Barder yesterday pre-empted the selectors by announcing. "Lawson will play. The younger pacemen will get a lot from watching him bowl." Lawson, aged 28, was surprisingly omitted from the side for the first Test, leaving Australia liehl in terms of nenetration and light in terms of penetration and experience. The pace trio used had only eight caps between

dropped from the squad for the second Test, following his dis-appointing performance in Bris-bane, and Border warned the two Western Australians, Bruce Reid and Chris Matthews, that now on the line.

"But Henry's (Lawson) presence will belp. He is n senior player and will set an example," Border said. "But, when they have the ball in their hands, noone can do it for them - it is

Border indicated that Peter Sleep, n right-handed betsman and occasional leg-spin bowler, would be twelith man, rather than Steve Wangh, because the Perth wicket has less grass on it

than usual.

Both sides' players were surprised at the straw colour of the Perth pitch and its dryness for Perth pitch and its dryness for November. Botham had a particularly close look at it, lying full length on his stomach at the bowler's end.

"I think I can see ridges and gallies," he proclaimed, follow-ing his inspection. He advised Mike Gatting, England's cap-tain, to "win the toss and bal for

two days".

Meanwhile, Botham's professionalism, which is sometimes underestimated, shone through again at the nets yes-terday. While most of his Eugand colleagues were awaiting their turn to bal or bowl, the 31year-old all-rounder closely studied Sleep, who played the last of his four Test matches in



Rejuvenated Thomas hoping to reclaim England place

East London, South Africa

While England career oa their roller-coaster ride around Australia and rely iacreasiagly on lan Botham to illicit encore after encore on the final leg of his touring days, 5,000 miles to the west in South Africa, the forgotten omission from Mike Gatting's squad is stendily -and efficiently - honing his skills to return to favour.

Greg Thomas understands better than most the pendulums of life as an international crick-Glamorgan all-rounder was England's baffling choice to be the spearhead attacking counter to the West Indian pace ma-chine of Marshall, Holding, Garner, Walsh and Gray, After aursing a hamstring injury all seasoo - and without a fast bowling partner - Thomas's pride and coafidence received a

Future depends on more than ability

Only now does Thomas beto heal. "Fast bowlers need some rest from too much cricket." he admits, "and unless the pitch was really belpful last season, I dida't really let go. I can certainly sympathize why Botham wants to give up tour-ing and why Gooch decided stay bome with his family."

Sitting in a pair of briefs named after Jan Smuts, another wily campaigner who had his fair share of setbacks and triman share of scroucks and thumphs. Thomas is optimistic.
"I'm beginning to find my enthusiasm again," he says after giving bis wicketkeeping team colleague a goal keeping catching session that would have had Shilton nodding with approval.

Thomas's rekindled enthusiasm has brought bim a batting average of 57.50 so far in 50-over games io what is still regarded as one of the strongest domestic competitions. If Peter May's selectors must wish that one of their present lower order batsmen would display such consistency; Thomas is far from satisfied after missing out on the pay me this winter," he said. "I

how the selectors think?" he wondered. "But I must admit my main job is to take wickets—
and 46 last seasoa wasn't
enough. So I can't complain
even if I would have loved to have teamed up with Dilley."

Unfortunately for Thomas, he has again gravitated towards a side who are the murror-image of Glamorgan: Border, a minor province, mixing a few successes with liberal doses of failure, Although Thomas has found some success against the major province's top order batsmen, he again finds himself with little back-up. But he is aol down-

"For the past moath I've been working oa what Geoff Arnold and Mickey Siewari taughi me at a coaching clinic with Dilley and Ellison before I left England -mainly my rhythm. I think it's coming right. At Newlands I let one bumper fly and it went right over the wicketckeeper's head for four. I wish there were more wickets like that io England ... and Newlands is supposed to be featherbed!"

With England about to start the second Test in Perth. Thomas is plainly envious, believing at the age of 26, he is as fit and near his peak as he has ever been "I'll be around 30 for the next Australia tour," he says. "I hope [7] still be around."

Whether Thomas will still be "around" however, does not depend solely on his ability. On question of why he decided to ignore a warning from the organizers of next year's World Cup that any player going to South Africa would not be welcome with England in India and Pakistan, Thomas is as skittish as a practing at the skittish as a yearling at the Newmarket sales.

"Months before Ali Bacher (the SA Cricket Union's chief executive) asked would I return if I wasn't chosen for Australia. The Border cricket union have been great to me and now I have the chance to become the senior professional with special responsibilities to coach the senior

have an advanced coaching certificate and have a lot of experience to give, so why shouldn't I use it?" Thomas reinforces his right to

give loyalty and further his career with the view that South Africa is undergoing vast changes to dismantle apartheid: his home town recently voting itself an "open" city where all races can own property. The South African Group Areas Act wever, does not allow such thinking. The keen amateurs who

sneaked from work to lunch for a net practice with the "pro" have gone. "Fancy lunch on the beach?" Thomas asks, and as an after-thought: You know they don't even have the segregation signs anymore.

"I want to stay clear of trouble"

The Weishman's throwaway hine and his refusal to answer why he has placed himself in jeopardy if wishes to regain his England place are not the acts of someone who believes the only racial battles are fought annually al Cardiff Arms Park and Twickenham. Strangely, he has also told Border he is not available to play against Kim Hughes's Australian side when they are scheduled to come to East London early next month.

"I want to stay clear of trouble," he explains. Un-doubtedly he would not at the sentiments of one of South Africa's popular protest singers. Jennifer Ferguson, who laments: We don't even know the questions, never mind the answers anymore."

Now the question is whether Thomas will regain favour when Botham waves goodbye next summer and only the politicians know the answer of whether J G Thomas, of England, Glamor-gan and Border, has gone beyond the pale. Bowling to Viv Richards in full-flight last winter

Norman Crews

Like every other country, Pakistan's inability to get a good

start mingated against their chances of big totals. The sca-soned openers. Mudassar Nazar and Mohsin Khan, are clearly

both coming to the end of their

international careers. Waiting in the wings for regular middle order places are Ejaz Ahmed and the left-banded Asif

Mojtaba, both teenagers and brilliant strokemakers.

Imran Khan had a magnifi-cent series and shared Marshall's ability to extract in and bounce from the deadest of pitches. In Qadir and the off-

inner Tauseef Ahmed. Pakistan have two outstanding slow

bowlers but in England next summer I expect the outstand-

With the World Cup looming, Richard Streeton reviews West Indies' six-week tour of Pakistan Batsmen suffer as Pakistan pitch ploy backfires

Whether Pakistan's chances against West Iodies in recent weeks would have been im-proved if they had prepared better pitches will divide local opinion here for a long time. No secret was made in official circles that the pitches prodoced for the one-day games and Test matches were aimed at assisting Abdul Qudir's leg-spin and to nullify the effectiveness of the West Indian fast bowlers. Every country, to varying degrees, does this sort of thing and it would be naive to linger over the morality involved.

morality involved.

Not everyone in Pakistan cricket, though, is convinced that the plan worked to their team's advantage and query the necessity for it. Qadir certainly had a rewarding season but the West Indies pace bowiers usually reaches a the conditions. ally rose above the conditions.

Even more significantly, the grassless, caked mud surfaces, left the batsmen of both teams struggling. Pakistan's own strokemakers, ironically, found it harder to graft in the necessary. it harder to graft in the necessary

Marshall: no hint of decline And x +=0.

chairman of both the Pakistan selectors and their World Cup technical committee, assured me that fast pitches, with even bounce, would be provided for next year's World Cup. "That will be essential," he said. "You can be certain that our pitches will be greatly improved."One hones he is year! hopes he is right.

At it was, however, West Indies reckoned that the only proper pitch they found on this tour was the practice wicket at the Lahore Stadium's nets, with Hyderabad's pitch the best of those used in matches. The poor

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Mr Hasib Absan, who is the instance came in the England v Leicestershire Australia series in 1888 and the other was in India in 1969-70 when New Zealand were the

Long-term. West Indies will remember this crowded sixeek tour as the time when their bowling department was successfully remodelled. Gray and Walsh confirmed they were and Waish confirmed they were ready to step into the places filled for so many years by Garner and Holding, Gray and Waish have elearly benefitted from their English experience and their good line and detrmination helped them overthose used in matches. The poor pitches, with the ball keeping low and coming through at different beights, brought some drab barting and unusually low scoring.

There was only one century stand for either side io the Test series — the 111 put on by Javed Miandad and Ramiz Raja last Saturday. Nobody managed to make a hundred, only the third time in Test history that this has happened in any series of three or more matches. The first the salvance he made with the salvance for the rest of them overscome the conditions. Both men devery chance to play their strokes again but the time is not far distant when new faces will have to be initiated into the ranks as has been done among the bowlers. Only Richardson among the first six in the present batting order is on the right side of 30.

It is hard to say how much salim Malik's broken left arm in the first Test affected the confidence and form of the other pakistan batsmen for the rest of

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summer. Patterson, bowever, good record against pace and seems have lost some of the before his injury had hinted that basic speed he was showing a it held no terrors for him. year ago. He had the hardest time coming to terms with Pakistan priches. Similarly, Bonts's ability to spin the ball more, brought him more success

than Harper, his fellow off-spinner, when both were used in the last Test.
Richards's poor form stole the headlines but in fact most of the West Indian bassmen had a lean time by their standards. The coming weeks in Australia and New Zealand will give them every chance to play their

ing successes to be the left-arm seamers. Wasim Akram and Salcem Jaffer. Both swing the towards the slips hot can bring the odd one back a la J K Lever. R HS Ave 100 50 CA St ## 1440 R #8 Ave 100 50 Ca

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Peugeot to consider a grand prix campaign Paris (AP) - The French

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rans (ar) — the French leans, Peugent Taibot, the world raily champions for the past two years, are considering entering Formula One grand prix racing, the learn manager. Jean Todi, announced yesterday. Todi said a decision would be taken early next year on three possibil-ities – in nbandon high-level sports promype championship, or in form a full grand prix team holiding engine, gearbox and

Atezowhile, there are plans for an off-road programme next year including the Paris to Daker rath, the Baja 1000 in Mexico and the Pike's Peak htttclimb in Cotorado.

Renault, Pengeot's state-owned rival. have just aban-duned a long bot vain attempt to win the world grand prix championship, entering a full team from 1977 to 1984 and

Peugeot's Talbot subsidiary started a grand prix engine programme in 1981 but h was cancelled for commercial ressons before an engine was mirelled. Tudi said no decisions about major developments could be taken ontil atter n French civil court rules, mwards the end of February, on a case brough by Peupeut against the Inter-national Auth Sport Federation

The sport's rating body announced, after a series of rally deaths early this year, that the fastest Group B cars, such as Peugeot's 205 GTI Torbo 16, would be banned from the championship from 1987. Todt said the decision contravened FISA's own rules requiring several years' notice of such changes. FISA has said that it was overroled on safety grounds. The team will run three modified 205 CTI Turbo 16s in

the Paris to Dakar event, starting on January 1. The Finnish driver. Ari Vutanen, who was seriously injured in the Argentinian rally in 1984, will make his competition comeback, parmered by the French telerision commentator and Paris to Dakar vereran, Bernard Gironx. The Kenynn, Shekhar Mehta,

who has won the Safari rally five times, and the Safari organizer, Mike Doughty, will crew the second car. The third car will be driven by the Italian, Andrea Zannest method. Zanussi, with a Peugeot me-chanic, acting is part as a high-service car for Vatanen and Mehta.

Celebrating Williams

Frank Williams, convalescent bead of the Canon Williams receive a supersonic salute at Brands Hatch on Sunday. A British Airways Concorde

circuit around noon, as part of Williams Day — a day-long celebration in recognition of Williams and his team's outstanding achievements this

Among the Oxfordshirebased team's successes came the constructors' title, and second and third place in the drivers world champinaship, even though Williams himself was badly injured in a motor accident before the season started.

Nigel Mansell, winner of five grands prix this year, will also be taking part in the day's events. He will attempt to break the unofficial lap record for the Indy circuit in his turbocharged FW11 Williams Honda and must lap the 1.2 mile track in under 35.85 seconds at a speed of aver 120.86mpb.

FISHING

Calling magic to the mind this Christmas

By Conrad Voss Bark

There is nothing like a good fishing book to: Curtsumas reading as n gift from your nearest and dearest. There have been many good ones published this year and I have chosen four which I think are among the best and which are certain to be in the If you love Wiltshire and

Dorsel and if the names of Avon and Wylye. Nadder and Ebble, Stour, Piddle and Frome call nagic to the mind then A Ring of Wessex Haters (Witherby, £15.50) is an absolute must for Christmas, for it tells the tale of these rivers and the history of the towns and countryside that they pass through, fi was the last book written by the late John Ashley-Cooper and there is a moving tribute to him in a foreward by Aylmer Tryno. A bedside book for n long stay

in bed is The Magic Wheel (Heinemann, £15), an anthology of fishing in literature from Homer to Hughes, delightfully relected by David Profumo and Graham Swift. George Orwell my float fishing and Virginia Woolf no the dry fly are among fascinating essays.

Now for the reference and hnw-10-do-its. For snimon, you cannot do better than give a n fisher Arthur Ogl Fly Fishing For Salmon and Sea for the whole book, polike orners, is courely about how to catch satmon on the fly. It is lascingting and authoritative I nu will not regres giving op bail and spinner after reading Ogleshy.

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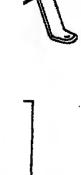
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Cambridge confidence returns as points begin to flow again

Cambridge University . 30 Steele-Bodger's XV 20

It is surprising what a few points can do for you. Cambridge University had been scoreless for their last two games but their confidence returned at Grange Road yesterday when they won their annual encounter with Mickey Steele-Bodger's judiciously-selected team by two goals, three tries and two penalty goals to two goals and two tries.

Indeed, once they took the lead in the eighth minute, they were never headed, although the day, it was seldom the guest side caught up early in the second-half. They owed victory to the wiles of their midfield and the enthusiasm nf their forwards at lineout and in the loose. Kelly and Withyman grew in stature the lunger the game went on and the experience of Cushing was of great value in the closing

Owen is cleared

Adrian Owen, the Bridgend captain, succeeded in his appeal against a 22-week suspension yesterday after being sent off for the fourth time in his career against Bristol on November 1. gainst Bristol on Noven

The Welsh Rugby Union executive committee cleared the Rhoudda schoolmaster, aged 30, to play at Pontypool on Saturday. Owen vigorously pro-tested his innocence after being cent off by Gareth Simu the referee, when he was alleged to have kicked Simon Hogg, the centre, at the Brewery Field.

His appeal was supported by written submissions from Hogg and David Thomas, his fellow Bristol player, who thought the

Owen, a second row forward, who was originally told his ban would keep him out of rugby until April 5, was jubilant at the decision which could even give him a chance of winning a place in the Welsh trial. The teams

"Obviously I'm ecstatic," he said. "It's taken a long time, but the WRU got there in the end. I've been fairly treated and I've had marvellous support from friends, family and players even people I don't know.

Richmond are not looking to break off fixtures with Swansea amid allegations that Paul Moriarty, their flank forward, punched Chris Mills, the Rich-mond prop forward, and dant-

Mike Humphreys, the chairare in possession or a von-the Harlech TV coverage of the Any comments which have been made concerning the incident represent person coinious." he said.

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the first-half did not belp either side to settle. But, against a scratch combination, Cambridge found holes for Clough and his agile partner, Wyles, both of whom had the

Steele-Bodger's XV could find no fluidity behind the scrum. Despite the advantage they possessed in the set pieces Moore took a string of balls against the head - Giles never escaped the attentions of the Cambridge back row and Charlie Smith had an off day with his handling. Cambridge may be a little naive in defence on the flanks but, on

speed to take advantage.

The university led 13-10 at the interval, by which time their guests had lost the services of Cooke, who went off having sprung his shoulder joint. an injury which may prevent him from playing for some weeks. He was replaced by Pepper, who is probably fed up with jokes about adding

at lock this season, while Ripley moved to the back row. Cambridge's first two tries

came from passes put down by Lord, Clough scooping up the ball both times to score the first himself and lay on the second for Oti. A near break by Charlie Smith led to Cook's try and Giles struggled over from a five-metre scrum when his side was temporarily down to 14 men.

A delightful swerve by Simon Smith gave him space to send in Moore for the try which, converted by Metcalfe, levelled the scores. But then Cambridge went away. Lord, standing deep behind a fivemetre scrum, gave Wyles space for the half-break, Clough finishing in style. The England centre scored a third try by finding a channel clear to the line from 40 metres and Thomas helped put the icing on the Cambridge cake by racing into the line and sending Wyles over for a deserved

Hobbs, the students' lock, It has not been a good term seasoning to the pack and who left the field with a jarred for Cambridge and a freezing has played for the university neck, which is not expected to left the field with a jarred

always a handful in the loose gave Steele-Bodger's the final word. But Cambridge, with their best total of the season and their second win of the term, had already written the winner's speech.

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Delighted Midlands formidable again

whom he is qualified because he withdrew from the Yorkshire

team last weekend. Had he appeared at Morley, he would

The Midlands, winners last season of the Thorn EMI divisional championship, have married the disparate talents of (of whom Wayne Richardson Leicester and Nottingham to play London at the Wasps ground on Saturday week.

Neil Mantell, the winning captain and Nottingham lock, will lead a team containing five of his colleagues and six players from Leicester, who earlier this month terminated Notting-ham's unbeaten record.

Nevertheless the Midlands show seven changes from that which beat Londoo at Northampton last December. The most substantial ones are in the pack where Brian Moore has displaced Steve Brain, England's hooker last season, and is joined in the front row by Stuart Redfern, whose brother, Steve. was capped as a reptacement against Ireland to 1984 before

Redfern has been given the vnte ahead of Lee Johnson, the

Steve Thomas (Coventry) who played so well in the divisional championship last season, has not played for his forwards as a scrummaging unit (of whom Wayne Richardson must have been discussed as a season, has not played for its club thus far because of injury. Richard Moon (Nottingham) will make a more than adequate replacement, having nudged ahead of Nick Youngs, as has, apparently, Simon Robson, of Moseley, who is the replacement scrum half. tight-head prop). Gary Pearce will make up the front row, assuming he has recovered from a calf muscle injury. John Orwin, who moved from Gloucester to Bedford during the summer, is given his first outing for the Midlands, for

Barry Evans, the Leicester right wing, has not played for his club for some weeks because of an Achilles tendon injury, but he hopes to play for Leicester's second team this weekend.

automatically have qualified for the North, whose team is due to be released next Sunday. MIDLANDS: S Hodgldanes (Nottinghem): B Evens (Leicester), d Harriey (Rottinghem), P Dodge (Leicester), J Gooderia (Massley); L Casmorth (Leicester), R Moon (Nottinghem), S Rediters (Leicester), B Bloarn (Nottinghem), G Petere (Nottinghem), J Wells (Leicester), J Drain (Bedford), M Mensell (Nottinghem), captain), G Rees (Nottinghem), Il Richards (Leicester), Replacesterarts: A Kay (Bedford), M Northard (Nottinghem), S Robson (Messley), L-John Rottinghem), S Robson (Messley), L-John Mottinghem), S Brain (Nottinghem), S Brain John Wells, the England under-23 flanker, is rewarded for his consistency ahead of Peter Cook, who seems doomed to an eternal role as replace-ment, but the Midlands back row selection will pose a for-midable challenge as a unit which could seek higher hon-

Holifield gets off to a flyer

By Peter Marson

Strike Command 11 Support Command 9

In fairness it must be said that in an excellent, hard-fought match, Support Command were much weakened by the loss in the second half of two key players - Parsonage, a flank forward, and, Worrall, the

Indeed a superior first-half man, said: "The incident at display by the Support forwards, ansea is currently under dis-sion between the clubs. Both in possession of a video of Harlech TV coverage of the tch. Any comments which the been made concerning the least respect to the period worrall's np-ticut of their time in defence. timism fired an ambition to kick goals from differing angles along

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the half-way line, but he was to succeed once only, from 35 metres and a wide angle on the

succeed once only, from 35 metres and a wide angle on the left.

In the meantime Strike Force had moved out of defence to score a fine try through Gigg. This was borne of a splendidly executed movement from left to right in which a good pass by Goslin put the long-legged Holifield away nn a powerful run which ended with Gigg crossing the line.

Holifield, who hails from Neath and who only recently jnined the RAF, has the look of a promising player. The ball ran 18 Advants, Sacht Traw (St Atham), Cal Sa

his way — rather than towards
Uoderwood on the left wing —
and at length he underlined a
first-rate display with the best
try of the match following a
sprint of 40 yards.

SCORERS: Strike Command: Tride: Gigg. Holifield. Per: Aller. Support Command: Try: Smitz; Per: Worne; Com Carr.

Devon go to college to try to stop Yorkshire

Esso inter-county knockout fi-nal in 1984, will attempt to win luneaton, on Saturday.

Heading their 30-strong team is Helen Frank (City of Leeds), the British junior international and national age group cham-pion. Also included are four national age group medal win-ners — Heleo Mullins (Harro-gate), Alex King (City of Bradford), Karl Cockcroft (City of Leeds) and Mark Billam (City

Devon, who hope to stop the Yorkshire stampede, lean heavily on Kelly College. No fewer than 13 of their swimmers have been selected. In the party are Helen Slatter and Melanie Bradley, the British junior interactionals. nationals; Anna Ratcliff, the Commonwealth Games representative; Paul Pedderzolli, the Esso national age group cham-pion; and Melinda Bennett, a national age group medal

Zara Long, the double

medal winner, who has a torn Achilles tendon, is in the squad without being nominated for an event. Devon, who will be making their debut in the final, also include Laura Gahan (Port

final Black, perhaps inspired by the efforts of Ray Stephen, the former Dundee forward who scored twice on his league debut for Nancy on Saturday, opened the scoring in the third minute and added the fourth goal after of Plymouth), the national age group champion. Ian McKenzie (Braintree and Bocking), whn won the outstanding swimmer award at Metz's opponents in the final on December 9 will be the second division team, Cannes, the sarprise 2-0 winners over Marseilles who trail Bordeaux on goal difference in the championship race. However, the league cup competition is of minor importance in France, as the Esso national age group championships, carries the hopes of Essex. He competes in the 100 and 200 metres breastroke and the medley relay.

Nicole Bates and Debbae.

Nicole Bates and Debbie
Tubby, the national age group
champions, add strength to the
Norfolk side. Two of their team
colleagues are Stuart Wyer and
Stuart Wells, who are national
age group medal winners.
The taleo ted Russell
Stapleton is the top swimmer in
the Kent side. He is accompanied by Matthew Deiscoll, his

nied by Matthew Driscoll.

Beckenham team colleague and national age group medal winner. NETBALL

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens out to sign a top Australian

St Helens are hoping to sign a leading Australian tourist to replace their injured New Zealander, Mark Elia, whose con tract has now been cancelled, with Mal Meninga, Gene Miles, Michael O'Connor and Greg Alexander heading their list.

Alex Murphy, the St Helens manager, said: "We will be sounding them out and hope one of the four will be with us for three months in the New Year. "But I feel very sorry for Elia,

who is a star in his nwn right. The deal cost us £10,000 for 15 ninutes because Elia sustained the hamstring injury back in New Zealand. We want a topclass replacement and hope to tie up a deal quickly."

Meninga scored 28 tries in 31

appearances for St Helens two years ago and is due to return to the club on a three-year cootract

Meanwhile, Oldham's second attempt in six days to sign the Leeds forward, Brendan Hill, fell through yesterday. The 21-year-old prop is on the transfer list at £35,000

England are equal to the challenge England's hitherto unsung

heroines are picking op the torch from the men's bockey team by taking on world cham-pions from Australia and giving them a run for their money. TOWER HILL: City of London Pely road spoa (2.75 miest: 1, P. Paday (NZ) 13min 25sec: 2 D Pierson (Madeway), 15:57; 3, O Rees (City of London Poly), 14:18. On Saturday, at the Wembley Arena, they are aiming to go one better by beating the Australians in the Evian International. At Gateshead last weekend Eng-land belied their world ranking

BADMINTON LESDS: Caritos v Mean Holidays grand prix Cariton names tract them's singles: M Front bt S Baddeley, 15-7, 15-10; E terranto lost to N Yates, 1-15, 11-15, Mean's doubles: M Trod-gett and A White lost to Baddeley and B Galland, 10-15, 10-15; Trodgett and ismanto lost to D Travers and Yates, 11-15, 15-5, 14-17, of No. 4 by taking the redoubt-able world champions to 39-40. Heather Crouch, the England coach, said: "We matched Australia all the way. When you consider it was only a last-BASKETBALL

minute goal that beat us, we are going to Wembley reckoning that we can go one better this CARL SIERG NATIONAL LEAGUE Division One: Caldendale Explorers 88 (Blunt 28), Rag Verdey Sondersend B1 (McCrey 30), ROTTH AMERICA: National Association: LIME."

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came together only in June, 1984, under the tutton of Wendy Paton, who had had no previous experience in pair despite having to skate first among the 21 competitors. **FOOTBALL** Scots are A team who have found their second wind

Up and under: Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor show their British championship style

A pair out to bridge the gap

skating. Yet, within 18 mouths, they had unseated Lisa Cushley and her brother, Neil, as British champions. A year further on and the Nottingham pair were in

They now spend much time

in Kitchener, Ontario, with a distinguished Canadian trainer,

Kerry Leitch, a man who has in

his academy the top three Canadian pairs. The discipline is strong in Canada, and Peake and Naylor have the advantage of habitually rubbing shoulders with up to a score of rivals, at

once setting an example and a

"I'm hoping for a place in the top 10 for them in Cincinnati," Leitch says, "but even that won't be easy," He carmarks three places for both the Soviet Union and Canada, which

leaves few openings for the rest of the world.

The surprise turn of Tuesday

evening had been Jayne Taylor, a vivacious 17-year-old skater from North Shields, who achieved the extraordinary accolade of first place in technical ment in the short programme,

different class.

A Nottingham couple, Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor,

promise to repair the one glaring deficiency that has afflicted British ice skating for far too

Corry and Cousins and, later

Torvill and Dean have reached

the pinnacle of achievement in

their different disciplines in the

last decade, and a medal in the

women's individual event is also not unknown. But discover-

ing a British success in the pairs is almost to delve into the pre-

Now, Peake and Naylor, with a little bit of help from a Canadian friend, hope to put the

matter right. Their performance in winning the British championship for the second time at Solihull on Tuesday was

strong enough to encourage the chance of an improvement over

their 13th place in last year's world championships when the

event is repeated in Cincinnati next March.

The remarkable thing about

Peake and Naylor is that they

among

the goals

Paris (AFP) - Scottish for-wards continued their recent run of success in France as Eric Black, formerly of Aberdeen, scored twice to help Metz reach the league cup final on Tuesday

Metz won 6-3 after extra time

at home to the championship leaders, Bordeaux, in their semi-

minor importance in France, as emphasized by the fact that Marseilles went to Cannes with-out several of their international

The West German first division club, Waldhof Mannheim, have signed Bo Elvar Jorgensen, the Danish intercational attacker, from Bronshoj Copenhagen for a £66,000 fee. Jorgensen, aged 23, is expected to make his debut against FC Homburg on Saturday. Another first division side. Bochum, yesterday re-

side, Bochum, yesterday re-cruited Denmark's Ole Moller-

Nielsen, aged 21, on loan from Vejle until the end of the season.

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Tuesday's late results

ICE SKATING

Schools football by George Chesterton Shrewsbury have not been beaten in their last eight matches. Only against Man-chester GS, whom they defeated made and took their chances well. They were two up in the first quarter of an hour and aithough Aldenham pulled one

made the thost of short passes to take the score to 5-0 before Repton came back with two

face-saving goals.

After the North v South match at Wolverhampton last Sunday a team has been selected

to represent the Independent Schools FA against Heriford-shire at the Bank of England ground. Rochampton, on December 18.

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TEABLD Pears (WGS): I Woodhead (Millield), S Rossol (Botton GS), D Gregson (CEGS), D Haneurd (Forst), D Anderson (Repton), P Allen (WGS), A Lea-(Chigwell). N Michantan (CEGS), S Guelott (CEGS), S Guelott (CEGS), D Willette (Botton GS).

day – players will wear shirts with "Yes to sport, no to violence" printed on them, Grillo stid. In addition, a group of young supporters will toos flowers at spectators and shour themselves at spectators and shour themselves.

which will keep him out of the

FOOTBALL

BERKSHIRE UNDER-19 LEAGUE: Langia GS 3, Upion GS 4.

Hull KR lose out

Hull Kingston Rovers, the beaten Rugby League Challenge Cup finalists, made a loss of

£84,016 last season. The cluh's balance sheet shows that they

suffered a loss of £143,203 in the

year ootil the end of May 1986, reduced by profits from the social club and lottery.

Toshack gesture

Real Sociedad, managed by

John Toshack, are 10 play Swansea in a testimonial match

swansea in a testimonial match at Vetch Field on May 13 for Nigel Survenson, the defender, aged 28, who has made more than 300 league and cup appear-ances for the Welsh club. Toshack, who took Swansea from the fourth to the first division before against to Series

division before going to Spain, welcomed the chance to help

game for around six weeks.

back J Keeble sealed the result, 6-1, have they not come from behind. When they entertained scoring one goal and making another. Eton have won four Charterhouse in a match domi-nated by the wind their visitors successive matches since halfwere one ahead at half-time, A Ivamy being the source. Early in the second half Shrewsbury equalized through J Prichard. There was no further score. Under difficult conditions on Tuesday Repton never recovered from the loss of two early goals at Wolverhampton. The home team moved well and

Forest defeated Kimbolton 0, the fourth successive match in which they have not conceded a goal, D Spanton scoring just before half-time.

Laucing mastered a gale-force wind better than Bradfield. Al-though Bradfied scored just after the interval to be only 2-1 down, the last 20 minutes wereall Lancing and the final score was 6-1. J Baxter fed with skill the forwards, of whom J Simpson and A Mercer each Eton and Aldenham were well matched in midfield but Eton

Dressed to protest

Naples (AP) - Members of a southern Italian team are to wear shirts carrying protests against violence at stadiums. We decided to take this initiative to keep burning the torch of love and peace." Luigi Grillo, the president of Afragolese, a fourth division club, said. "Above all it is to express our firm opposition to violence in the world of sport."

 Ajax Amsterdam's Marco van Basten, top scorer in the Dutch first division, will have an ankle operation next month, During the team's next match - against Ischia on Sun-

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

ZURICH: Starday race: Leading positions: 1. S Tourne and E de Wilde (Bel), 24;pts; 2. U. Frauder and D. Gelejer (Sheit), 50; 3. H. Hernassa and S Hernasian (Liech), 50; 2. U. Hernassa and S Hernasian (Liech), 50; 20; 11 log behind: 4. J. Mustler and S. John (Switz), 5; 5, G Frank and M. Marcussian (Dan), 31; 6. O Thorau and J. Schlaphotf (WG), 12; 7. D. Clark (Aus), and A Doyle (SS), 5, all 2 logal behind. ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hostory Laugust Cuebec Northpas 2, Montreal Caracters 1: New York Naturcles 5, Passburgh Pengular 1: Vancouver Carucles 11, Los Angeles Rings 5.

YACHTING HONG RONG: World Flying 15 champlon-ships: First race; 1, F Morrison and M Appleton (58); 2, R Sciencert and O Tullook (48); 3, 6 Coulon and G Schutz (Aus); 4, S 5thock and A Reid (38); 7, G Wells and S Billingham (69).

TABLE TENNIS

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Study to promote sport in schools By John Goodbody

When a h

Sports News Correspondent
The Government yesterday
set up a study on the role of sport in the state school curricu Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, announced ced this review after chairing a seminar of 90 representatives of governing iles and physical

The new study, which is likely to be carried out by someone outside sport, has been commis-sioned jointly by the Depart-ment of the Environment and the Department of Education and Science.

The meeting was the climax of a year-long inquiry by Mr. Tracey on mounting, and somees hysterical, concern that

Although there is a growing belief in education that less gifted pupils must be helped to find rewarding activities that they can continue after education, and that these may not be traditional games, Mr Tracey stressed that no one at the seminar had questioned the value of competition in sport.

recreational sport. "The two things can go forward together." Perhaps, But the review will find that many governing bodies are worried that pupils are not being encouraged to take part in traditional games so that many schools have become mable to field teams and an increasing number of pupils drift away into other activities.

This has been accentrated by sectine in the number of ade-quate facilities in state schools. The distress of some govera-ing bodies was exemplified yes-terday by the report of Ron Tenrick of the Rugby Football Union, who conducted a survey of 605 schools in England. One of the principal needs which emerged was "to achieve a better maleratunding in trainer teach-Joanne Conway, the British champion, were the only two skaters to succeed with a triple jump, and Miss Taylor also survived the double axel, with which Miss Conway failed. Higher marks for presentation lifted the champion into first place, but Miss Taylor had done enough to awaken us to her understanding in trainer teachers of the benefits that can be ers in the beginns that can be derived from team sports to balance the new and fashionable philosophy which holds against competition." This pressures that individual sports are non-competitive which, of course, they are. Indeed many pupils

Independent trend has some faults

find far greater satisfaction and benefit from such activities as competitive athletics and swim-

But sometimes this trend to individual, sports has been counter-productive. Peter Lawson, the Secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, said yesterday: "It was widely recognized at the seminar that if recognized at the seminar that if there is not a back-up of instruction and supervision, an excessively wide choice is a waste of time and under-

> Mr Tracey said that the Government would consider leg-islation on sport in schools —"if this is the way forward." But he made the point that the only duty that education authorities have towards their pupils on the scholastic programme is to teach.

Mr Tracey stressed the in-portunce of better links between schools and local authorities particularly so that there could be dual use of educational facilities. The head teacher seems much keemer on providing resources at schools when the money comes directly back to the school instead of going to the

Today's programme consisted of a plenary session and then the meeting broke up into four groups to discuss different topics.

These were: curriculum, par-ticularly competition and rec-reation; facilities in schools and the supervision of extra-currica-har activity; teacher leadership and couch training and links between schools and clubs and the role of local authorities and

The groups were chaired by Ron Pickering, Peter Lawson, Dr John Kane and Colin Atkin-son, of Millfield School.

One point that emerged strongly from the discussion was the harmful effect of the teach-ers dispute. One representative of a teachers union said that their members were now increasingly expected to be paid for Saturday activities when many traditional games take place. BOXING

Nelson's blow for Warren's Alexandra bill

Azumah Nelson, the World Boxing Council featherweight champion from Ghana, who destroyed Pat Cowdell in one round, has suspected appendicitis and has had to pull out of meeting Irving Mitchell, the American, at the Alexandra Pavilion next Wednesday.

Frank Warren, the promoter who has an exclusive promo-tional agreement with Nelson, said the bout would now take place in the New Year, leaving Errol Christie's 16-round contest against Charlie Boston, the New Jersey southpaw as the

 Sammy Reeson, the former British cruiserweight titleholder, will make his comehack against Bash Ali, of Nigeria, at Battersea on Saturday despite the death of Tony Lavelle, his manager, on Tuesday night. Akay Asola, his trainer, bas persuaded Reeson "to go through with the match is memory of the man who guided

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

When a hero was out—but not down

• Botham's Oat! (BBC2, 9.30pm), which carries the secondary title 9½ Weeks in the Life of a Boy's Own Hero, fills in whatever gaps there might be in our knowledge of what the cricketer did with himself after being benned from first-class cricket last May. He fished, and played golf, and surrounded himself with loyal friends and convivial drinkers. And he learnt how to pilot a helicopter. He was a hero in waiting, hero being a word much used in Iain Johnstone's commentary, delivered by William Franklyn in his best dry sheary voice. When Botham returns home to be greeted by his Great Dane, Iohnstone goes all classical on us, likening the homecoming to Ulysses's. And when Botham flies over the English countryside at the

CHOICE with the cleverly turned line that the cricketer is looking down on a land fit for heroes, but a land in which heroes must fit. It must be said that home life with Im said that home life with lan Botham is not presented tonight as exactly heroic. When he plays his children, at cricket or anything else, he plays to win. His wife says he leaves his dirty washing all over the place, and she fails to see the funny side of the practical jokes he plays with her washing-up gloyes. plays with her washing-up gloves. None the less, it was "smashing" to have him home for 9½ weeks, and her debt to the Test and County Cricket Board for having

made it possible is duly acknowledged.

Botham's long wait is not the only one on BBC Television tonight. Open Space's docu-mentary A Real Casualty (BBC2,7.25pm) explains why we often have to hang around so long in hospital casualty departments. Shortage of staff, and resources, and too many people by-passing their GPs and adopting what one medical spokesman calls a "super-market mentality", by which we assume he means expecting everyassume he means expecting every-thing to be sitting, waiting, on the shelf. In what must be the understatement of the week, a consul-tant at the hospital which at times resembles a fortress under siege more than a centre for urgent medical aid says: "You may have noticed that this is a relentless

 One half of Beekmark (BBC2, 8.05pm) — the other half is devoted to the Caribbean writer George Lamming, now working

BBC 2

2.00 Ceefax.
2.52 Daytime on Two Statistics - hypothesis testing 19.15 A definition of loud 10.38 The first of two programmes examining the partition of Ireland 11.00 Thinkabout 11.18 The effect of a mentally handicepped child on his younger brothers and sisters 11.40 Two sisters with different views on boys, marriage, and life, learn to think agein.

12.12 Basic Spanish conversation 12.30 French for absolute beginners 12.45 Biotschnology 1.65 Beginners Franch 1.38 Farming through the ages 2.00 Clothes for special occasions 2.15 Music: rhythms.

2.35 Chemplosship Snooker. The remaining quarterfinel matches of the Ternants United

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of the Tennents United
Kingdom Championship, 3.55
Regional news and weather.
Pamela Armetreng, Dating
agencies come under scrutiny
this afternoon, Among the
guests are models Marie
Helvin and Cherry Marshall,
his a serve from David Season

plus a song from David Essex. Championehip Snooker. Futher coverage from Preston.

5.30 Plan 86 (r) 5.00 Ster Treic. Captain Kirk and the crew of the Starship Enterprise

are on an errand of marcy to collect a miracle substance

from Ardena that will cure a

rampant plegue on another planet. But the slaves of

Ardana are fighting their masters and Kirk's mission

6.45 What on Earth_? Widife guiz

7.10 Great Sporting Moments.
A 1966 ABA title fight between
Mark Rowe and Tom Imrie.
7.25 Open Space: A Real Casualty.
Thirtysix hours in the busy life
of the Casualty department of
Whipps Cross Hospital,
Laytonstone, Essex. (see

becomes fraught with danger.

presented by Jeremy Chertas. With Sheala Anderson, Jenny Owen, Peter Moore, and Peter

on two novels after a long "writer's block"—is taken up with a profile of James Clavell. Here is a writer who resembles nothing so much as a machine specia designed to produce best-sellers (King Rat, Shogun, Taipan, etc.). Very rich this man, and very sure of his attention-grabbing talent. Give me a reader who is prepared. to give me a quarter of an hour of his time, he says, and I will keep him for up to 40 hours. • Radio highlights: Masur

conducting the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra in Sehumann's No 4 and Beethoven's No 7 (Radio 3, 7.45pm and 8.45), and Teleri Bevan's searching interview with the uncommonly self-assured so-prano, Grace Bumbry (Radio 4, 7.40pm)

Peter Davalle



6.00 Cuefax AM. 6.30 News headings followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55

controls of his helicopter, Johnstone sums up the situation

The Flintstones. (r) 6.55
Weether.
7.06 Breekfast Time with Frank
Bough, Sally Magnusson and
Jeremy Pauman.
8.40 Watchdog. This morning's
programme focuses on the
problems of the terminally if
who are denied their rightful
benefits until it is too labe 8.55
Regional news and weather
9.00 News update.

 9.05 News update.

 9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kiroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on spiritualism 9.45 Advice Shop. Margo Macdonald with advice on how to get help with fuel bills this winter 10.00 bils this winter 10.00
Neighbours. (r)
10.20 The Wombles. (r) 10.25 Phillip
Schoffeld with children's
television news, and birthday
greetings 10.30 Pley School.
(r) 10.50 Henry's Cat. (r)
10.55 Fire to Eleven. Catherine
Griller with a thought for the
day 11.00 Food and Drink. A
repeat of Tuesday's

repeat of Tuesday's programme. 11.30 Open Air. Viewers comment on television programmes.

12.20 Championship Snooker.

Highlights from last night's first two quarterlinal matches in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis, Weather 1.25 Neighbours, Weekday soap set in a Melbourne suburb 1.50 Animai Fair, With Don Scencer.

2.00 Film: Seven Nights in Japan (1976) starring Michael York and Hidemi Aold. The heir to the British throne arrives in Tokyo on an official visit. During an off duty moment he decides to explore the city and the meets a pretty tourist guide when his habit of not carrying any money lands him in a spot of bother. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. 3.40 Off the Record. Jenny Agutter's record collection. (r)

3.50 Scraging and his Tea-time
Telly 4.10 Sebestian the
incredible Drawing Dog!
Michael Barrymore with the
story of Mr Petal's Headache
4.15 Odyseeus the Greekst
Hero of Them All Greek

isgends told by Tony Robinson 4.30 Galloping Galexies! Space age adventures. 5.00 John Craven's Newround 5.05 Blue Peter. David Attenborough introduces the top Young Wildfis Photographers of the Year, and their work. (Ceefax)

and their work. (Ceetax;
5.35 Masterbans.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and
Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.25 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by
Gary Davies.
7.30 EastEnders. Dr Legg offers
Eithel's old flat to Naims; and
Den gives his mate Peta the
lowdown on his second
honeymoon in Venice, while

sowdown on his second honeymoon in Venice, while Angle relays her side of the story to Kathy. (Ceefax) 7 conomow's World includes news of the Domesday disc; an ultrasonic device to help heart specialists; and a tractor 8.00 70 programmed by a computer to plough more economic

8.30 The Kenny Everett Television Show. More luratic and funny sketches featuring the innovative funny man. Plus music from Hot Gossip.

(Ceefax)
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys: Regional news and weather. 9.30 Just Good Friends. Penny meets Vince's wife for the first time. Does this meen that their

time. Does this mean that their on/off relationship is now definately off? (Ceefax)

10.00 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Becky Bryan, Walter Hayes, and MPs John Moore and Clare Short

11.00 Championship Snookar. The final traines of the remaining two quarterfinal metches of the

two quarterfinel metches of the 7ements United Kingdom Championship. -3 M. S.

Choice)
Boolunatic includes interviews with James Clavell who talks about his novels, beginning with his latest, Whirtwind; and George Lamming, the West Indian writer who, during the Fiffes worked at Bush House Fifthe worked at DUSH House and on early editions of Tonight. (see Choice)
Entertainment USA. Jonathan King travels by car along the California coast, stopping off at San Jose, Monterey, and Carmel. 9.30 40 Minutes: Bothem's Out. A profile of lan Bothem as he far from languished in the

ITV/LONDON 9.25 Themes news headines.
9.30 Schools: bekers and beking
9.42 No Hanky-Panky, a story
by Naomi Lewis 9.54 Resting
10.11 Part two of a film version

10.11 Part two of a film version of the story of Christmas 10.28 Health education 10.45 Craft, design and technology - joining materials 11.03 Poetry with music 11.20 Children's experiences of being ignored 11.37 How We Used to Live - rushing to entist.

12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. (r) 12.10 Puddle Lane 12.30 The Sullivans. Drams serial about an Australian family during the Forties.

family during the Forties.

1.00 News at One with John Suchst
1.20 Themes news.

1.30 Faicon Crest, Drams serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine

matriarch of a California wine dynasty 2.25 Home Cookery Club. Crown Reast of Poric.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 3.00 Take the High Road 3.25 Themse news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Raggy Dolle. 4.16 The Telebugs 4.20 Running Loose. Adventures of eight inner-city youngsters on a camping holiday in the English countryside. (Oracle) 4.45 Dengarmouse. Cartoon adventures of a secret service rodent and his timorous siderodent and his timorous side-

kick, Penfold. 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers. .
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart
6.00 Themes news.
6.25 Help! John Murray with details
of how to claim a heating

allowance this winter.
6.35 Creamends. Adam keeps a careful watch on Anne-Marie.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Seth rdale Farm. Seth Armstrong is acclaimed a hero.

7.30 Film: Surning Rege (1984) starring Barbera Mendrell, Eddie Albert, Carol Kane and Bert Remeen, A made-for-television drams about a geologist who is sent to a

mining town whose mines are ablaze beneath the streets. Life becomes complicated for her and her partner when they find themselves involved in murder and at odds with the mine-owner, the local newspaper and the police.
Directed by Gil Cates.

9.00 Girls on Top. Comedy series about three girls shering a room in a house belonging to Joan Greenwood. Making a guest spreamone, the

guest appearance are the Beverley Sisters. (Oracle) 9.30 This Week. Jonathan Dimbleby reports on the sansitive issue of race and school.

of race and school.

16.00 News at 7en with Carol
Barnes and Alastair Stewart.
Weather followed by Tharnes
news headlines.

10.30 Quincy. The investigative
pathologist puts his reputation
on the line when he comes to the conclusion that an influential businessman is responsible for the death of his stranged wite. (r) he Business of Excellence.

Management consultant Gifford Pinchot III presents his new ideas of business thinking.

12.15 Lifestyles of the Rich and Femous. Robin Leach meets Roger Moore.

12.40 Night Thoughts.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Miles Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.80, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. The After Nine guests include Professor Stephen Schoenthaler talking about his sessant finished deling about his research finding delinquency with diet; and Claire Reyner with advice on personal



CHANNEL 4 2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day a debates in the House of

Lords. 2.30 Film: Cluny Brown* (1945) Firm: Clumy Brown* (1945) starring Jennifer Jones and Charles Boyer. Romantic comedy about a plumber's niece and a Czech refugee who first meet in a London flat and then in an English stately home. The last film to be directed by Erret Lybbirch. directed by Ernst Lubitsch. 4.20 Banquet Busters. Cartoon. 4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday'a wirner of the words and numbers competition is challenged by Grahame Williams of Crewe.

5.00 lee Starting. The Tuborg British Figure Starting Championship. Highlights of the tree programmes in both the Ladies' and Men's events, introduced the Nick Owen.

5.30 John Taylor and Monica

the trade union movement.
Toright's programme
examines these challenges
7.00 Changel 4 News with Peter

8.00 K2 - The Elusive Summit. A repeat of the late Julie Tullis's account of a previous expedition to the second highest mountain in the world, which claimed her life earlier

this year.
8.00 Oh Medeline. American domestic comedy series starring Madeline Kahn who, tonight, regrets making derogatory remarks about two large wrestlers.

Libre Echange, about a herpecked husband who engineers a tryst with the neglected wife of his neighbour. But the night of sion turns out to be enything but. With Robert

11.45 Relative Strangers. Cornedy series about a man and the

introduced by Nick Owen.
Rinythmic Gymnestics. The
Erreys Printers International
from the Wembley Conference
Centre. The commentators are Phelps. 6.30 Union World. By the year 2001

orman world, by the year 2007 it is estimated that 51 per cent of workers will be women, as a consequence new challenges and problems are posed for

Sissons. 7.50 Comment from Trevor Swistchew, described as an unemployed post. Weather.

9.30 Film: Hotel Paradiso (1966) starring Alac Guinness and Gina Lollobrigida. A farce, based on Feydeau's L'Hotel du

anything but. With Robert
Morley and Paggy Mount.
Directed by Peter Glenville.

11.20 Rejoice presented by Candy
Devine. The guests are
musicians, Crossfire, Patricla
Cafosa, Garth Hewitt, and
Marjorie Caldwell; and from
the Northern Ireland Marriage
Guldance Council, John
Chembers.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.35pm-8.00 Weles Today: 6.35-7.00 So You Think You Know... 12.15am-12.15 News and weether: 5.COTLAND: 10.55pm-11.05 Dottman. 8.35-7.00 Feoring Scotland. NOWTHERN REL AND: 5.35pm-8.40 Today's Sport. 5.46-0.00 Incide Utsier: 6.35-7.00 Resterisam. 8.30-8.00 Spotlight. 12.15am-12.15 News and weether. SHOL.ARD: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines. BBC2 WALER 8.30em-4.55 Mastertaem. 8.55-9.00 interval. 11.00-11.18 Gweld A Siarad.

ANGLIA As London except 1,20 pm News, 1,30-2,30 Fifty, Fifty, 6,06 About Angle, 6,35 Crossroads, 7,60-7,30 That's My Boy, 10,30 Eastern Approaches, 11,00 Cambridge Folk Festival, 11,30 Man In a Suttopae, 12,30 am Pasco Profile, Close In a Suitness. 12:30 am Pasco Protile, Close
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Hopkint (Decessed), 3:00 Periour Game.
3:30-4:00 Young Doctors. 8:00-4:35
Locksround. 10:30 Border Pool Classic.
11.15 Mile Hammer. 12:10 am Closedown.
CENTRAL As London except: 12:30
pm-1:00 Contact. 1:20 News.
1:30-2:30 The Baron. 8:00 Crossroads.
4:25-7:30 News. 10:35 Central Lobby, 11:05
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1:40 Closedown.
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CRAMPIAN As London except:
1.20 pm News, 1.30-2.30
Randell and Hopkirk (Decessed), 6.00-6.35
North Tonight, 7.00-7.30 Grand Prix at
Gleneagles, 10.30 Minder, 11.30 Crann
Tara, 12.00 About Gaelic Debate, 12.30 am

GRANADA As London except: 1.20
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Who's the Bose; 12.25 am Closedown
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12.30 am Closedown.
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Locking Forward, 6.00 pm-6.35 White at
Six, 10.30-11.00 White This West.
SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20
Witch, 2.25-2.30 Sortey Maclean at 75,
2.00-4.00 The Barn, 6.00-6.35 Scottand Today,
7.00 Tale the High Road, 7.30 Microensisters, 8.00-6.30 Meagnum, 10.30 Crime Deak,
10.35 Jossie, 11.35 Cranp Tara, 12.05 am
Late Call, 12.10 Tales from the Darkside, 12.40
Closedown,

Sea. 11.09 First Three Man to Kill, 12.40 am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20 pm News.
1.30 Astiont 1.35-2.30 Jessie. 3.30-4.00 Country GP, 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast.
10.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H. 11.30 Symphony.
12.00 Unbouthables. 1.00 am Company.

TYNE TEES As London except:
1,20 ps) News, 1,30-2,30
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Northern Life, 10,32 The Works, 11,90 Derts,
11,45 Learning from Life, 12,15 am Industry Year, Classidom,

ULSTER As London succept: 1.20 pm
Lunchtime, 1.30-2.30 Fell Guy,
3.90-4.00 Diffrent Strokes. 5.00 Good
Evening Ulster, 5.25-6.35 Police Str. 10.30
Counterpoint, 11.00 Mysteries of Edgar
Wallacer, 12.00 California flighways, 12.30 am
News, Closedown.

News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:
12.30 pm-1.00 Luntchtime
Life. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Yellow Rose.
5.00-8.35 Calender, 10.20 194s Hammer, 11.30
New Averagers. 12.30mm-8.00 Music Box.
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Hill Street Blues. 11.15 Lovers of the Lalon.
12.15 am Closedown. wilderness after being benned by the authorities from playing first class cricket for nine and a half weeks. (see Choice) (Ceetex) 19.10 Phil Silvers*. The fell sergeent teenage son he never knew he had. Starring Matthew Kelly has to take evasive action when he places a 1000-1 bet and Mark Farmer. (r) Their Lordships' House. Ends Peggy Mount, Leonard Rossiter, and Alec Guinness. Three of the The late Julie Tullis: the climber is seen in the repeated documentary K2-The Elusive Samuelt (Channel 4, 8.00pm) with a local gangster. (r) Newsnight. 11.20 Weath stars of Hotel Paradiso (Channel 4, 9.30pm) Flectio 3 Redo 4

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6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.85 Concert: Faur's (Pavane: Chorus and Orchestra, Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields), Lambert (Valse of the Genini, from Horoscope ballet: Royal Opena House Orchestra), Britten (Genini Variations for finite violin responders Gabriel futs violin piano duo: Gabriel and Zottan Jeney),

fluts, violin, pieno duo: Gabrie and Zottan Jeney), Kodaly (Variations on Hungarism felt song: Budapest SO: 8.00 News 8.05 Concert (continued): Pureal (Hunt and storm scene, Dido and Aereas: Taverner Choir/Taverner Players), Berlioz (Royal hunt and storm, The Trojans: Paris Orchestra), Haydn (Symphony No 772: Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields), Franck (Le chasseur maudit: Paris Orchestra), 8.00 News 9.05 Scriabin, Including Four Preludes, Op 48(Ogdon plano), Soneta No 7 (Michael Rudy, plano), Desir, Op 57 No 1 (Scriabin, plano), and Soneta No 5 (Richer, plano) and Paganini: Boocherini's Quintet No 7 In E-minor and Paganini: Souertet No 7 in E-with Kamarove (violin), Rowland-Jones (violin),

(guitar) 18.45 Six Continents: foreign ruds sx Comments pregn radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. Presented by Ian McDouged (r) 11.85 BBC Scottish SO in Germany (under Hurst), with Silvia Marcovici (violin). Brahms (Tragic Overture, and Violin Concepto) Decesiv

Overture, and Violin Concerto), Dvorak (Symphony No 6), 1,00 News 1,05 Birmingham Concert: Rud van der Meer (baritone), and Rudos' Jansen (plano). Schumann (Llederkreis, Op 24), Fauré (Lyda, Sytvie), Andriessen (Trois poemes amoureux), and Vaughan Williams songs including The vagabond, and The roadside fire, and Let beauty gwake (from Songs of awake (from Songs of Trave)

2.00 Maria Stuart: Sergei Stonimisky's balled-opera in three acts. Sung in

Russian, Chorus and .

Orchestra of the Maly Theatre, Lehingrad (under Valentin Kozhin), with Inessa Proselovskaya in

tohe title role, Nina Romanova as Queen Elizabeth, and Stanislav Sureyev as Damley. 4.15 Music for Two Planos: Martin Jones and Richard McMahon play works by Arthur Senjamin (Three Jamaican Pieces), Grainger (A Lincohishire Posy), and Richard Rodney Bennett (Four-piece Suite), 4.55 News

5.80 Meinly for Pleasure:
Roger Nichols presents a
selection of recorded musi
5.30 Bandstand: William Davis
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Band. Curnow (Bleatestin
Flouristies), Philip Lane
(Aubade Joysuse), Philip
Sparke (Music for a
festival) 7.00 A New Harmony ? An

examination by Staphen Walsh of the rift between composers and their audiences. Contributors include Pierre Boulez. Alexander Goetir, Elliott Carter and Robert 7.45 Leipzig Gewandaus Orchestra (under Kurt Masur). Part 1. Weber (Oberon overture).

Schumann (Symphor From the Uister Hall, 8.25 One Pair of Ears: David Brown surveys the week's music-making on 8.45 Concert (part two):

9.35 One Up, One Down: Hilda Schroder in Rachel Blake's one-hander 10.00 Music in Our Time: Kal Miles in Cur Time: Nas Scheffler (cello), Ensemble Modern (under Holliger, oboe). Goldmann (Ensemble Conceorto), Gubaidulina (Detto II, for cello and ensemble), Marek Konslant / & fav. minutes v Kopelent (A few minutes with an obdist), Holler

(Mythos) 11.20 First Night: Carol Churchill's A Mout Birds, (at the Royal Court, London), reviewed by Howard Jacobson 11.30 Claudio Arrau: Chopin plano works, including Bercarolle Op 650, and Earland Jacobson 11.57 News. 12.00 Close

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9.00 News 9.05 In Business. Magazine about the business world. With Peter Smith (r) 9.30 The Natural History Programme Fermin Programme. Fergus Keeling finds out why we don't est worms.

10.00 News; Medicine Now.
Geoff Watts on the
health of medical care (r)

10.30 Morning Story: The
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David J Slack. Reader: Stella Forge.

10.45 An Act of Worship (s)

11.00 News; Travel; Analysis. Petar Hennessy asks: How can shadow parties prepare themselves for a possible return to power? (r)

11.48 Lines of Communication. Patrick Hannen Patrick Hannan

discovers how the meaning of words can easily be changed. 12.00 News; You and yours. 12.27 Round Britain Quiz, Irana Thomas and Eric Korn
versus Douglas Gifford a
Robert Kernohan (r)
12.55 Westher
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour,
with Sue MacGregor,
includes a feature about

three successful black businesswomen, Also episode three of Circles episode three of Circles in a Forest.

News: The Afternoon Play. A Pobble's Rattle, by Jane Beeson. With Ann Bell, Rosemary Martin and George Roth. Drame about the friendship between two women in the forties — and a crisis that develops between them 3.00 N devalops between the

4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf, Su with Richard Mabey and Christopher Somerville. 4,35 Kalaidoscope. Includes comment on The Women, by Claire Booth-Luce, at the Old Vic in

London Contempo Dance Theatre at Sadler's Wells (r) Sadier's Weils (r)
5.00 PM News Magazine. 5.50 Stripping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News
6.30 My Music. John Amis and Frank Muir versus lan Weilace and Dennis Norden (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? Letters sant in by Isteners in response to last week's Any Questions. With John Timpson.

Timpson.
7.40 A Musical Evening in America (new series)
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week: Grace Bumbry.
Recorded in New York.
8.40 Profile. A personal
portrait.
9.00 Does He Take Sugar?
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and their families.
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9.45 Kaleldoscope. Includes consment on Selling the Sizzle at the Hampetead Theatre, Royal Designers for Industry at the V and A, and the Commonwealth Poetry Prize.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: A House for Mr Biswas by V S Najosul (12). Read by Garard Green. 10.29 Weether

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Mimms, the England under-

21 internationals of Leeds

United and Everton respec-

tively, are ready to change

Snodin has been the prime

target of Howard Kendall, the

Everton manager, since the

summer, when he had a £600,000 bid rejected for the

captain of the second division

side. And Kendall watched the

23-year-old midfield player again in Leeds's 2-1 League defeat at Birmingham City last

Meanwhile, Dave Blakey,

the Leeds chief scout, saw the

unsettled Mimms play in the

first division side's reserve

match at Sheffield United.

The indications are that Billy

The Charlton Athletic man-

Tuesday evening's Full Mem-bers Cup tie against Bradford

He was proved right as a miserable 817 — the lowest

attendance in Charlton's his-

tory - turned up to watch

them end a run of five defeats

with a 2-0 success, the goals

coming in the second-half from Robert Lee, the sub-stitute, and Colin Walsh.

The first division side.

Southampton, were given a run for their money at the Dell, despite Hull City having

to field their central defender,

Peter Skipper, in goal for the

City at Selburst Park.

Bremner, the Leeds manager, is about to retent in his public vow to sell Snodin "over my dead body" after the second division side's slide to sixth \$2500,000.

Few witness Charlton's

change of fortunes

ager, Lennie Lawrence, had for an earlier miss as Ports-predicted a small crowd for mouth pulled off a surprise

£750,000 deal.

by the weekend in a

place with three defeats in a

In addition to giving his

for strengthening his team in

their promotion campaign. Everton have rivals for

Snodin's signature in Liver-pool, Tottenham Hotspur and

West Ham United; but these

West Ham, along with Not-

three clubs cannot put to-

tingham Forest, are also show-

ing an interest in Gordon

Cowans, the England midfield

man, who plays for Bari in the Italian league. Cowans has said that he wants to return

The former Aston Villa

player had talks with Franco

Janic, the Bari general man-

ager, on Tuesday and was told that he must stay for another

six months before being al-

lowed to leave for a minimum

win at Sheffield Wednesday,

winger scoring the 69th minute winner. Kevin Wilson

and John Deehan scored for

Ipswich Town in their 2-0 win

at Reading to carn a third

round home tie against Aston

The Freight Rover Trophy

opened with some high scor-

ing. Wrexham tronnced

Tranmere Rovers 6-1 with

their substitute, Steve Massey,

getting two goals in the space of a minute; Dave Shearer and

Tony Cascarino both scored twice as Gillingham won 5-0 at Netts County, and York

City's young forward, Marco

Gabbiadini, managed three goals in the first-half in a 4-1

David Kelly, celebrated his 21st birthday by scoring the

only goal of the match against Swindon Town, while also in

the third division, Neil

Whatmore was responsible for

Mansfield Town's winning

goal against Newport County

to end a run of five successive

The Walsall attacker.

defeat of Darlington

gether a similar package.

Higgins plays on as code rules out instant justice

Alex Higgins, whose pro-abused and head-butted by tolerate this type of behaviour. ssional career is in jeopardy, Higgins and as a result suf-As genuine as these remarks fessional career is in jeopardy, found temporary shelter yesterday under the legal umbrella of the controlling ten evidence from certain organization, the World Pro- employees of the WPBSA. fessional Billiards and who were present when the Snooker Association incident took place, had been (WPBSA), who admitted that taken. These statements, they had no power to dispense

tion, Higgins will continue to play in the Tennents UK Welshman, Wayne Jones, in the quarter-finals today.

The WPBSA board, at their meeting in Preston yesterday, heard among other things a complaint frum Paul Hatherell, the tournament director, that during the evefered a cut eye. The board stated that writ-

which were read out, were signed copies of statements Contrary to general expecta- previously given to the police. Under the WPBSA disci-

plinary code, the board cannot championship and meets the consider any complaint against a member within a seven day cooling-off period and the complaints in question, after being put to Higgins, will be dealt with by an independent tribunal.

The board's reaction to Hatherell's complaint is that ning of Monday, November they are appalled at the alleged incidents and they will not

Foulds, the winner of the

his best in the fifth frame,

which he won with a superb

late on Tuesday night,

Knowles, who was 2-3 down,

advantage of the larger pock-

row eventually to emerge a

SCORES: Third round: T Knowles (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 9-6. Prisme scores (Knowles Inst: 54-30, 24-62, 63-34, 29-78, 53-68, 71-14, 79-3, 71-14, 70-44, 33-74, 40-58, 75-0, 55-58, 67-35, 98-14.

ATHLETICS

Knowles winning

comfortable winner.

Davis recovers to take slender lead

one seed, made a remarkable He played much below his recovery in the quarter-final of usual standard. recovery in the quarter-final of the Tennents UK championship against Tony Drago of BCE International tour-Malta at the Guild Hall, nament, having heaten nament, having heaten Thorburn in the final, was at Preston yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). After losing the first three frames, Davis recovered his composure and clearance of 136. When he went 5-1 ahead, supported by a break of 43, the Canadian won the next four frames to go 4-3 ahead at the interval.

Drago, whose engaging style had not scored a point in two and spirit of adventure have frames. Tony Knowles and Terry Griffiths, the men who had started the discourse on earned him high praise, won the first frame in only nine minutes, terminating it with a hreak of 94. Supported by breaks of 58 and 50 he went 3whether larger pockets were good for the game or not

Slowly and surely Davis began his task of reconstruction and a break of 62 put him right with the world. It was Drago's turn to take a back seat as Davis compiled breaks nf 62, 42, 78 and 59 to take his

Neal Foulds, who had defeated Jimmy White in the previous round, raced into a 6-I lead over Cliff Thorburn of Canada, whose highest break

appear to be they have, like Pontius Pilate, washed their hands of the whole thing to await the judgement of the tribunal on a man who has been fined seven times since

Here then is another chapter in the continuing story of Higgins and his brush with authority and whether the prevailing system is the most satisfactory way to deal with an incident as serious as this is open to question.

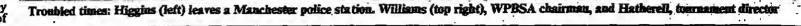
The tribunal has the power

to publicly reprimand the member concerned, to impose an unlimited fine, to suspend the member concerned from one or more tournaments or championships, to deduct points from the member's total in the ranking list and to expel the member concerned from the association. They will need to find a way of making the punishment fit the

Higgins's electric style of play has illuminated the game since he burst upon the scene as the youngest world cham-pion in 1972. His admirers have condoned his off-table indiscretions in the past and have understood his personal problems, which at present include the separation from his wife and children. This time, however, he appears to have gone too far.

While Higgins may be jus-tified in his tirade against larger pockets — the next question which sparked off the present unfortunate affair with Hatherell - his remarks ended their third round match about Mike Hallett, whom he defeated 9-7 in the third round, were not in good taste. He said: "If he can run me so thought it was time to take close when I'm trying then something must be wrong." Higgins probably cannot rec-oncile himself to the fact that ets and, pursuing a policy of attack, won four frames in a Hallett is a vastly improved player and that Higgins himself, the state of the pockets notwithstanding, is not the great player he once was.





FOOTBALL

England caps set

ready to play anywhere
Brentford have appealed to

side a top-quality goalkeeper, the exchange would provide Bremner with about £250,000 the Football Association (FA) to find another venue for their first-round FA cap tie against Bristol Revers. Yesterday the tie was postponed for the fifth time because of a waterlogged pitch at the ground Rovers share with Bath. It has been rescheduled for tonight; but Brentford are resigned to another disappointment.

The Brentford chief executive, Keith Loring, said yes-terday: "I have told the FA we are prepared to play the match on any ground in England, including our own, Every postponement is causing us problems — I don't blame Bristol Rovers - and it's time the FA stepped in. The Rovers pitch is in a terrible state and I derstand the chances of

playing tomorrow are remote."
Breatford had to opt out of Tuesday night's Freight Rover Cap tie at Orient because of they had not managed to play the FA Cap tie against Rovers and they are record that they and they are worried that they could lose a lucrative home gate next Wednesday when they are due to face Swindon in

Vince Hilaire made amends for an earlier miss as Portsthe same competition. FA reassure the former Crystal Palace Caernarfon

FA officials yesterday re-assured Caernarfon Town that they are happy for the Multipart League club to stage the home leg of their second-round FA Cup tie against York on their own ground. The Welsh Football Associ-

ation secretary, Alun Evans, had suggested that next Monday's commission of induity into crowd trouble at Caerwarfon's ground during the first-round tie against Stockport County would also assess Caerwarfon's suitability to play bosts to York. But sterday an FA spokesman said: "We are in touch with the local police for every game involving non-League clubs and we are quite satisfied that the arrangements at Caernar-fon will be all right.

If the Welsh FA wish to enlighten us with any prob-lems regarding the match then we will consider them, but it is getting rather late to start changing venues."

ing verses." The spokesman confirmed that Monday's inquiry had been called specifically to deal with trouble at the first-round game. The Caernarion chair-man, Arion Roberts, has since spent £3,000 on penning in the visitors' enclosure for the York game for which a crowd limit of 3,000 has been set.

Chorley on the move

The FA has ruled that Chorley must play the bome leg of their FA Cup second-round tie against Preston North End at Ewood Park, the ground of Blackburn Rovers. The Chorley secretary, Mike Wearmouth, said: "We are more than happy to go along with that. Preston wanted us to play at their ground but our best chance of getting through will be on grass - not their plastic pitch."

The Multipart League club, enjoying the best FA Cup run of their 103-year history, are happy to accept a share of a lower gate in the hope of meeting one of the big clubs in the third round. Preston anticipated a gate of around 15,000, but while only two

Brentford Three into two will not wash at Villa By a Special Correspondent

Football Association say so! According to the game's ruling body, the Full Members Cup is not an 'approved" competition.

Ever since it was launched. the Football League have been striving to get the FA's seal of approval for their newest competition. But the powers that be at Lancaster Gate have turned a deaf ear to all

The latest upshot of the issue is that three Aston Villa players will each have to serve three-match suspensions next month - though the FA have officially banned them for only two games each. Gary Williams, Martin

Keown and Paul Elliott will all miss Villa's first division matches against Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United following last week's indiscretions in the Littlewoods Cup-tie at Southampton:

Williams and Keown were sent off at The Dell, where Elliott collected his eighth booking of the season, which took him to more than 31 disciplinary points.

effect from next Tuesday, which means that the trio will also have to sit out Villa's Full Members' Cup-tie at Ipswich that night.

next meeting.

Ouestion: When is a first- cannot believe it. It is so team game not a first-team unfair on everyone con-game? Answer: When the cerned not least the three players involved, who, no matter what anyone says, are having to miss three first-team matches when they have been

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banned for only two. "It's not even as if disciplinary points received in the Full Members' Cup are not counted on a player's record of are. That makes it even more of a mockery.

To rub further salt into Villa's wounds, Elliott, Keown and Williams will also be ineligible to play in the £50,000 Guinness Soccer Six competition in Manchester on December 9 and 10. Newcastle United have a

full-back crisis for Simday's televised match with West-Ham United at St Janus. Park. Willie McFail. Newcastle's manager, is als ready resigned to being with out his Republic of Ireland who suffered a shoulder injury in Saturday 3-1 win at Cheljust back in training this week

after a long absence because of an Achilles tendon injury. Ken Wharton, Anderson's full-back partner at Stamford Bridge, is to see a specialist. Wharton's knee injury makes him extremely doubtful for Sunday's match, and the club's record signing. Paul. Goddard, has not been able to:

 Derby County's central de-fender, David Linighan, yesterday travelled for talks with Shrewsbury Town after the clubs had agreed on a £30,000 transfer deal. Linighan, who "How can a competition joined Derby from Hardepool with a final at Wembley not be for £20,000 this summer, has

Maradona riding the crest of a new wave Rome (Reuter) - Diego appear like the snow in the Maradona, Argentina's World first sun."

man Maradona, "is the Napoli I have always searched for: a team that I like and a team

sweeter by beating Juventus for the first time in 29 years.

Maradona, the driving force of the team, admits that his greatest dream, after taking tory in Mexico in June, is to

and city alike is subdued. All too accustomed to disappointment, with two second places and seven thirds in the past, the fans are waiting with bated breath to see if Napoli's fortunes will survive the extended battle for the league

Corrado Ferlaino, the Napoli president, has appealed to

Cup captain, is preparing Napoli for the unaccustomed role of the bride after years of the first division. Their great-serving as bridesmaid in the est domestic triumph came in 1962 when they became the first team from the second division to win the Italian Cup. Another domestic cup win came in 1976, but abroad Napoli have had little success. Their UEFA Cup hopes this year ended when they lost a first round penalty com-petition against Toulouse of France after Maradona missed

· Ottavio Bianchi, the manager who took over at Naples last season, says he has changed nothing. But three purchases in particular have paid off. Bianchi brought in Fernando De Napoli, one of the few Italian World Cup players to attract praise in Mexico this year, to strengthen the midfield.

In the attack, built round the formidable talent of Maradona, Bianchi added Andrea Carnevale, from Udinese, and Romano, from

second-division Triestina. The new-look attack paid dividends last weekend. Carnevale scored twice and Maradona was quoted afterwards as saying of Romano:

"He was more important than. Yesterday's results

UEFA CUP: Third round, first log: Duties Prague 0, internazionale 1: Spertak Moscow 1, Swarowski Tyrol 0. POOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon 0, Arsenal 1. Postponed: Oxford United v Luton.

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many yesterday named 416 athletes and 221 coaches as candidates for their team for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, the state-run ADN news agency reported.

Although the ADN report did not mention Seoul by allowed to stage more events name, it appeared to be the than granted by South Korea latest in a series of recent and the International Olympic official reports indicating that Committee (IOC) under a East Germany, one of the compromise plan for the two strongest nations in international athletics, has no plans to boycott the Games in the South Korean capital.

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their support for North Korea in its political dispute with South Korea.

North Korea has threatened to call for a boycott of the Seoul Games unless it is countries to co-host the Games.

The list of East German athletes and trainers was pre-There has been concern that sented in East Berlin yesterday

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boycott the Games because of by several high-ranking Com munist Party officials, includ-

Landvoigt, gave a solemn pledge in the names of athletes

Swede challenge

Swedes, Kent Carlsson, Jonas Svensson, and Ulf Stenlund, are the leading seeds in the Young Masters tournament, sponsored by Waterford Crystal, at Stuttgart from December 10 to 14. This annual men aged 21 nr under.

which leaps out and hits us."

for Sheffield speedway, unless

more backers are found soon.

So far 108 people have pledged a total of £21,600 — £200 each — to a fund to offset

an annual deficit of £30,000.

However, Maurice Ducker,

the promoter, has said he

wants at least 150 pledges by

continue next year.

today to persuade him to

Calling time

excellent results and honorable representation of their

National Olympic Committee officials also received a cheque for \$1.4m, collected from donations from East German citizens for the team's preparation, equip-ment and travel costs. ADN did not provide the full list of athletes yesterday hut said that the veteran sorinter. Marita Koch, was one of

and coaches saying the East German team would strive for country in the 1988 Olympic

ing Egon Krenz, the Central Committee member, ADN The European race-walking champion. Hartwig Gauder, and the rowing coach, Joerg

Boris Becker and three

tie. The fact that second division Hull restricted their hosts to a 2-1 margin of victory was mainly due to Skipper, who was forced to step in when the regular goalkeeper, Tony Norman, injured his back on the coach trip to the ground. Skipper pulled off a number nf fine saves but could not prevent Southampton's teenaged forward, Matthew Le Tissier, from scoring twice. Gary Parker replied for Hull. SPORT IN BRIEF



have drawn up a short-list of Time could be running out quarters by December 15.

> Britain will host the world sand and land yachting world championships for the first time next year. The event. which will combine with the European championships, will take place at Biackpool from September 13-19.

of Bournemouth football club, vesterday unveiled plans for a £5 million stadium close to the club's Dean Court Ground. The new structure, a mini-superbowl, would be sunk 20 feet below ground. level so that stands would be no higher than a hungalow. The stadium, with its artificial pitch, would accommodate 12-15,000 people, and the club hopes to secure planning per-

thirds of that figure as many spectators are likely to go to Jr shire little

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Jordan in Hibs bid Joe Jordan, Southampton's 34-year-old firmer Scotland international, has emerged as a front-runner for the Hibernian manager's job. Jordan, who played in three World Cup finals for Scotland, is one of 50 applicants for the vacancy created last week by John Blackley's resignation. Kenny Waugh, the cluh chair-man, revealed yesterday that Jordan, who won the last of his 52 caps against Russia in Spain in 1982, has applied for

On the defence

the position, but said: "We from Stepney, is to defend his have drawn up a short-list of title against the Italian, six names, but there is not one Valerio Nati, early in the New Year. The European Boxing Union have called for purse offers for the contest to be lodged at their Rome head-

Jim McDonnell, the European featherweight champion

New hosts

Flying start Britain dominated the first

race yesterday of the Flying 15 world sailing championships in Hong Kong by taking three of the first four places. In light winds Phil Morrison snatched victory from fellow team member Dick Skipworth, with Steve Birbeck - runner-up in the Hong Kong national at the weekend - sailing consistently to finish fourth.

Open plan Rodney Barton, chairman

mission early in the New

Move to Rochdale Paddy McGeeney, the Shef-ield United defender. has ioined Rochdale on a month's loan. A small fee will be involved if McGeeney decides

The suspensions will take "It is so wrong, it is not true," complained Villa's chairman, Doug Ellis, last train at all this week because of an ankle injury:

night, "I have registered a very strong protest with the Foot-ball League and told them to stick it on the agenda for the

an "approved" competition in not played in the league this the eyes of the FA. I just season.

Italian football league.
"This, ladies and gentlemen," announced best

that loves football." Napoli bave moved Maradona to such praise be-cause they have knocked Juventus, the reigning champions, from their comfortable perch and stolen the league lead for the first time in 11 years - the victory made

Argentina to World Cup vicsee Napoli win the league title for the first time in their 60year history. But the mood among squad

which ends in May.

fans not to be carried away by dreams of seeing the league come to Naples. For decades the Neapolitans have dreamed of winning the shield and believed in the promises of the directors," Ferlaino said.
"Then, in the spring, the promises dissolve. They dis-